

Temporary Construction Impacts

Construction activities would have a temporary impact on project surroundings in the Study Area.

Representative Impacts

Action Alternatives

Impacts from the action alternatives would include, but would not be limited to:

Western Section			Eastern Section
W101	W71	W59	E1

During construction, motorists and other people living and working in the surrounding area could experience temporary inconveniences associated with traffic delays, detours, and construction dust and noise. Temporary effects on air quality, noise levels, water resources, residential and business access, pedestrian and vehicular traffic, and utilities would be comparable among action alternatives.

No-Build Alternative

• Construction activity associated with existing and planned land development patterns, including new commercial and residential areas and transportation projects, would result in similar temporary construction impacts as the action alternatives.

Representative Mitigation

Mitigation would include, but would not be limited to:

- ✓ Developing and implementing a traffic control plan to reduce impacts of traffic congestion and associated emissions during construction.
- ✓ Coordinating the traffic control plan with public services such as fire and ambulance.
- ✓ Implementing strategies such as watering to minimize dust, stabilizing dirt piles, using windbreaks, and revegetating disturbed areas to minimize dust and erosion.
- ✓ Maintaining and operating all construction equipment to minimize noise and air emissions.
- ✓ Distributing construction alerts to keep the public informed of construction activities.
- ✓ Coordinating short-term and localized disruptions to utility services and providing prior notification of adjacent property owners who would be affected by temporary service cut-offs.

Examples of mitigation strategies



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Material Sources

Large-scale projects, such as the proposed freeway, require balancing earthwork needs with available fill material (or dirt). In some cases, project excavation in one area produces excess material that can then be used as fill elsewhere on the project, such as at raised traffic interchanges.

Onsite excavation can generate required fill.



Local sand and gravel operations can be a source of fill.



In other cases, projects do not produce enough fill material onsite to meet project needs, so other suitable sources of material must be found offsite and brought to the project.

Representative Impacts

Action Alternatives

Impacts from the action alternatives would include, but would not be limited to:

Impact	Western Section			Eastern Section
	W101	W71	W59	E1
Amount of fill material needed (million cubic yards)	1.0-4.0	0.25	3.8	6.2

No-Build Alternatives

• Construction activity associated with existing and planned land development patterns, including new commercial and residential areas and transportation projects, would result in the need for material sources.

Representative Mitigation

Mitigation would include, but would not be limited to:

- ✓ The proposed freeway would balance materials to the extent possible, but some additional materials would be needed for all action alternatives. These amounts are not considered excessive for a project of this size.
- ✓ The contractor would use material sources from an ADOT-approved source.
- ✓ Contractor-furnished material sources must obtain environmental clearance for use on ADOT projects.

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Secondary and Cumulative Impacts

Secondary impacts are caused by the action and are later in time or farther removed in distance, but are still reasonably foreseeable. Secondary impacts may include growth, changes in land use patterns, population density or growth rate, and related effects on air and water and other natural systems.

Cumulative impacts are environmental impacts that result from the incremental impact of the action when added to other past, present, and reasonably foreseeable future actions. Cumulative impacts are considered direct effects that are caused by the action and occur at the same time and place.



Representative Impacts

Action Alternatives
Impacts from the action alternatives would include, but would not be limited to:

	Western Section			Eastern Section
	W101	W71	W59	E1
Secondary	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Growth in traffic, population, and related effects would occur with or without the proposed freeway, resulting in increased congestion.• Impacts on biological resources, water resources, air quality, cultural resources, land uses, community character, and economic conditions would occur.• The purpose of the proposed freeway is to respond to a growing need for additional transportation capacity as a result of regional growth occurring now and as projected.			
Cumulative	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The proposed freeway would occur in an urbanizing area planned for continued urban growth as established in local jurisdictions' land use planning activities for as many as the last 25 years.• The minimal contribution to overall traffic use is expected to have both positive and negative consequences. Cumulative impacts would occur on biological resources, water resources, cultural resources, land uses, visual resources, noise, and air quality.			

No-Build Alternative
The permanent loss of cultural resources and agricultural land would be expected to continue with increased urbanization even if the proposed freeway were not constructed; however, the incremental effects contributed solely by the proposed freeway would not occur.

Representative Mitigation

Project-specific mitigation measures proposed to address direct impacts would also provide reductions in overall secondary and cumulative impacts.

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Property Acquisition and Relocation

Is there a process to acquire and relocate residences and businesses? How and when does it work?

- There is a clear, proven property acquisition and relocation process that ADOT is required to follow. ADOT has fulfilled the requirements of this federal process for many years on many projects.
- An acquisition and relocation assistance program would be conducted in accordance with the **Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Properties Acquisition Policies Act of 1970**.
- This act identifies the process, procedures, and time frame for right-of-way acquisition and relocation of affected residents or businesses.
- All replacement housing would be decent, safe, sanitary, and within a displacee's financial means.
- Relocation resources would be available to all eligible residential and business relocatees without discrimination.
- Assistance will be provided to locate available replacement housing.

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Right-of-way process information can be obtained by speaking with an ADOT Right-of-Way representative or calling 602-712-7316.

2014

Record of Decision

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Late 2014

1st Construction Segment Begins (if Build Alternative Approved)

Acquisition and Relocation Ongoing

Public Involvement Process

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Section 4(f) Overview



Section 4(f) of the U.S. Department of Transportation Act of 1966 generally:

prohibits the use of land from a park and recreation area, wildlife and waterfowl refuge, or historic site unless it can be shown that there is no prudent and feasible alternative to that use and that the project includes all possible planning to minimize harm to the resource.

Section 4(f) applies to projects that receive funding from or approval by an agency of the U.S. Department of Transportation.

What are Section 4(f) properties?

Within or near the Study Area, the following are subject to protection under Section 4(f):

- Recreational trails
- Historic properties
- Recreational facilities associated with public schools
- Public parks

Highway planners and designers must demonstrate there is no prudent and feasible alternative before allowing a highway project to impact a Section 4(f) resource.

Implementing measures early in the EIS process helps to protect and avoid the use of Section 4(f) resources.



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Section 4(f) – South Mountains

Public Parkland Resources (Phoenix South Mountain Park/Preserve)



The South Mountains are a highly valued resource and are afforded protection under Section 4(f) as a:

Publicly-Owned Park

- Phoenix South Mountain Park/Preserve is 16,600 acres, and is operated and maintained by the City of Phoenix as a centerpiece of the Phoenix Sonoran Preserve System.
- Over 3 million people per year hike, bike, horseback ride, and visit the park.

Historic Resource – Property Eligible for the National Register of Historic Places

- The park's origins began in 1924 and has a rich history.
- From 1933 to 1942, projects in the park were completed by the Civilian Conservation Corps to provide relief from the Great Depression.

Traditional Cultural Property

- The South Mountains are eligible as a traditional cultural property because they are considered sacred, playing a role in certain Native American cultures, identities, histories, and oral traditions.



What are traditional cultural properties?

Traditional cultural properties (TCPs) are places considered important for their association with cultural practices or beliefs of a living community that are rooted in that community's history and are important in maintaining the cultural identity of a community. TCPs are not always man-made; they can be locations where a particular community has historically gone—and is known to go today—to perform traditional cultural practices.

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Section 4(f) Outcomes

Representative Impacts

Action Alternatives

Western Section			Eastern Section
W101	W71	W59	E1
Would not use any Section 4(f) resources.			Would result in the use of Section 4(f) resources in the South Mountains, including 31 acres (or less than .2 percent) of public parkland and historically-eligible land, and as a traditional cultural property.

No-Build Alternative

No immediate impacts would occur, but transportation-related planned development (nonfederally funded) could contribute to future impacts.

Representative Measures to Minimize Harm

Representative measures to minimize harm to historic properties and trails would include, but would not be limited to:

- Spanning eligible properties and trail segments to avoid impacts.
- Providing access during construction.

What are measures to minimize harm?

After determining there are no prudent and feasible alternatives to avoid the use of Section 4(f) resources, the study process requires all possible planning to **minimize harm or mitigate for adverse impacts and effects**. Possible measures to minimize harm may include:

- alignment/design modifications or adjustments.
- mitigation and enhancement measures.
- replacement of land or facilities of comparable value and function.

Representative Mitigation

Mitigation for South Mountain Park/Preserve and South Mountains Traditional Cultural Property (TCP) would include:



- ✓ Minimizing land needed and impacts of the proposed freeway during final design.
- ✓ Establishing a slope treatment plan for cuts through the ridgelines to blend the cuts into the South Mountains' natural setting.
- ✓ Using vegetation as screening.
- ✓ Constructing aesthetically pleasing noise barriers and other structures.
- ✓ Consulting with the Gila River Indian Community and other agencies regarding design and locations of multiple crossings.
- ✓ Contracting with the Gila River Indian Community to perform a full TCP evaluation.
- ✓ Identifying potential replacement land through coordination with appropriate stakeholders (i.e., City of Phoenix) adjacent to the park.

CONCLUSION:

After extensive consideration of a multitude of design options (i.e., tunneling, bridging), the study team determined avoidance of the mountains **WOULD NOT** be prudent and feasible as defined under Section 4(f).

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Agency and Public Outreach

Strategic program goals include:

- Developing and implementing a process that maintains open and continuing communications.
- Creating an informed public.
- Using multiple communication tools to effectively engage all population segments, ensuring equal access to the EIS process.
- Establishing constructive agency participation opportunities.
- Obtaining public input throughout the study to assist in developing a well planned, researched, and defensible EIS.
- Identifying and considering key issues and concerns.
- Improving the decision-making process.

Outreach Activities 2001–2013



Public	Agency
• Information collected from community and tribal leaders during 40 interviews	• Scoping letters sent to 232 federal, state, and local agencies
• 200+ presentations to neighborhood groups, homeowners associations, chambers of commerce, village planning committees, trade associations, etc.	• 2-day agency scoping meeting with 95 agency representatives
• 12 public meetings	• 70+ agency meetings
• Study information provided through: <ul style="list-style-type: none">– 3 study videos, including 1 visual simulation, newsletters (print and electronic), fact sheets, frequently asked questions, and informational postcards.– 60+ Citizens Advisory Team meetings– Interviews, briefings, news releases, comment forms, Internet survey– Project website, email address, and hotline	• Monthly stakeholder progress meetings held since July 2001 to discuss: <ul style="list-style-type: none">– Alternatives– Conceptual design– Environmental impacts– Communications and public involvement of the proposed action
• Public and agency comments summarized after each study phase	

Chapter 6, *Comments and Coordination*, documents the agency and public involvement process up to publication of the Draft EIS.

It also identifies comments, concerns, and suggestions collected during communications, interviews, and meetings.

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How Public Comments are Incorporated into the Study

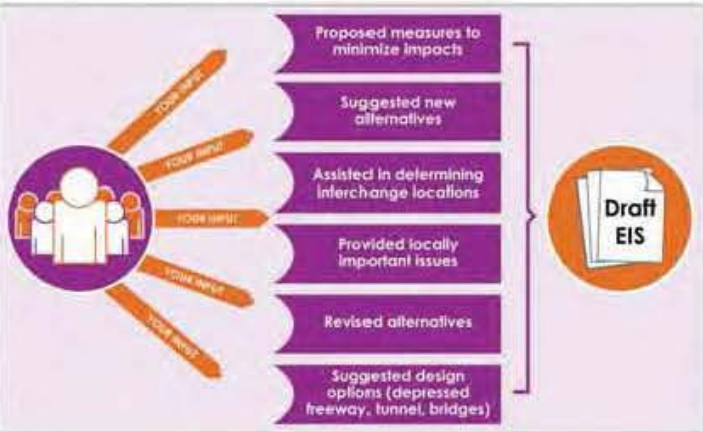


Public comments obtained throughout the study are analyzed to identify:

Issues Trends Sentiments Concerns Opinions

These evolved over time as new information became available.

The public contributed important and timely insights that assisted the study team and enhanced the quality of the Draft EIS.



All public comments received on the Draft EIS during the 90-day comment period will be considered and included in the Final EIS and the project's administrative record.

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Public Influence



How public input has influenced the study:

- Contributed more than **30 alternatives**.
- **Assisted in determining interchange locations**, including shifting the proposed 51st Avenue interchange in Laveen Village and eliminating the proposed 32nd Street interchange in Ahwatukee Foothills Village.
- **Reviewed options along Pecos Road** in Ahwatukee Foothills Village.
- **Proposed measures to minimize impacts** to sensitive resources, including alignment shifts near Tolleson High School in Tolleson and South Mountain Park/Preserve in Laveen Village.
- **Provided input on locally important issues**, including locations of wells in Ahwatukee Foothills Village and potentially historic properties throughout the entire Study Area.
- **Recommended alignment changes to avoid historic and/or cultural neighborhoods and locations**, including alignment shifts near the Sachs-Webster Farmhouse in Laveen Village and the Santa Maria community in Estrella Village.
- **Recommended reducing the proposed freeway's right-of-way needs and minimizing residential displacements** by using an eight-lane design instead of a ten-lane design.
- **Recommended reexamination of potential costs, impacts, and benefits of design options** such as depressed roadways, tunnels, bridges, etc.



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Citizens Advisory Team

Purpose of the South Mountain Citizens Advisory Team

Since the beginning of the study (2001), representative groups and organizations in the Study Area have worked as a voluntary, advisory team to provide advice and input to FHWA and ADOT. The South Mountain Citizens Advisory Team (SMCAT) dedicated time to:

- serve as a conduit of information with neighborhood organizations.
- provide advice on public and agency meetings and on how to clearly present information to the public.
- help define neighborhood and regional issues and concerns.
- provide input into the identification of a Preferred Alternative.
- provide a Build or No-Build recommendation.

Organizations and entities represented in the SMCAT:

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| • Ahwatukee Foothills Chamber of Commerce | • Gila River Indian Community, District 4* | • Laveen Citizens for Responsible Development |
| • Ahwatukee Foothills Village Planning Committee | • Gila River Indian Community, District 6* | • Laveen Village Planning Committee |
| • Ahwatukee Lakewood Homeowners Association | • Gila River Indian Community, District 7* | • Maricopa County Farm Bureau |
| • Arizona Forward Association | • Gila River Indian Community, Elderly Concerns Group* | • Mountain Park Ranch Homeowners Association |
| • Arizona Public Health Association | • Cottonfields Homeowners Association | • Phoenix Mountains Preservation Council |
| • Arizona Trucking Association* | • East Valley Partnership* | • Sierra Club |
| • Arlington Estates Homeowners Association | • Estrella Village Planning Committee | • Silverado Ranch Homeowners Association* |
| • Calabrea Homeowners Association | • The Foothills Homeowners Association | • South Mountain Village Planning Committee |
| • Chandler Chamber of Commerce* | • Foothills Reserve Homeowners Association | • South Mountain/Laveen Chamber of Commerce* |
| • City of Avondale | • I-10/Pecos Road Landowners Association | • Southwest Valley Chamber of Commerce |
| • City of Chandler* | • Kyrene Elementary School District | • United Arizona Dairymen* |
| • City of Tolleson* | | |

* previous member organizations



Since 2001, over **60** SMCAT meetings have been held.

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Draft EIS Public Comment Options

There are several opportunities for the public to provide comments on the Draft EIS. All comment methods are considered equal.

The Draft EIS is available for a 90-day public comment period, which started on **April 26, 2013** and ends on **July 24, 2013**.



Submit a comment form today or postmarked by July 24, 2013.



Provide a verbal comment to a court reporter today with no time limit.



Provide a formal 3-minute comment to the study panel (at the hearing only).



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Online Public Hearing - All of the materials presented at the public hearing, including the study video, banners, and comment form, will be available starting May 21, 2013. Comments will be accepted until July 24, 2013 at azdot.gov/SouthMountainFreeway.

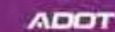


Community Forums

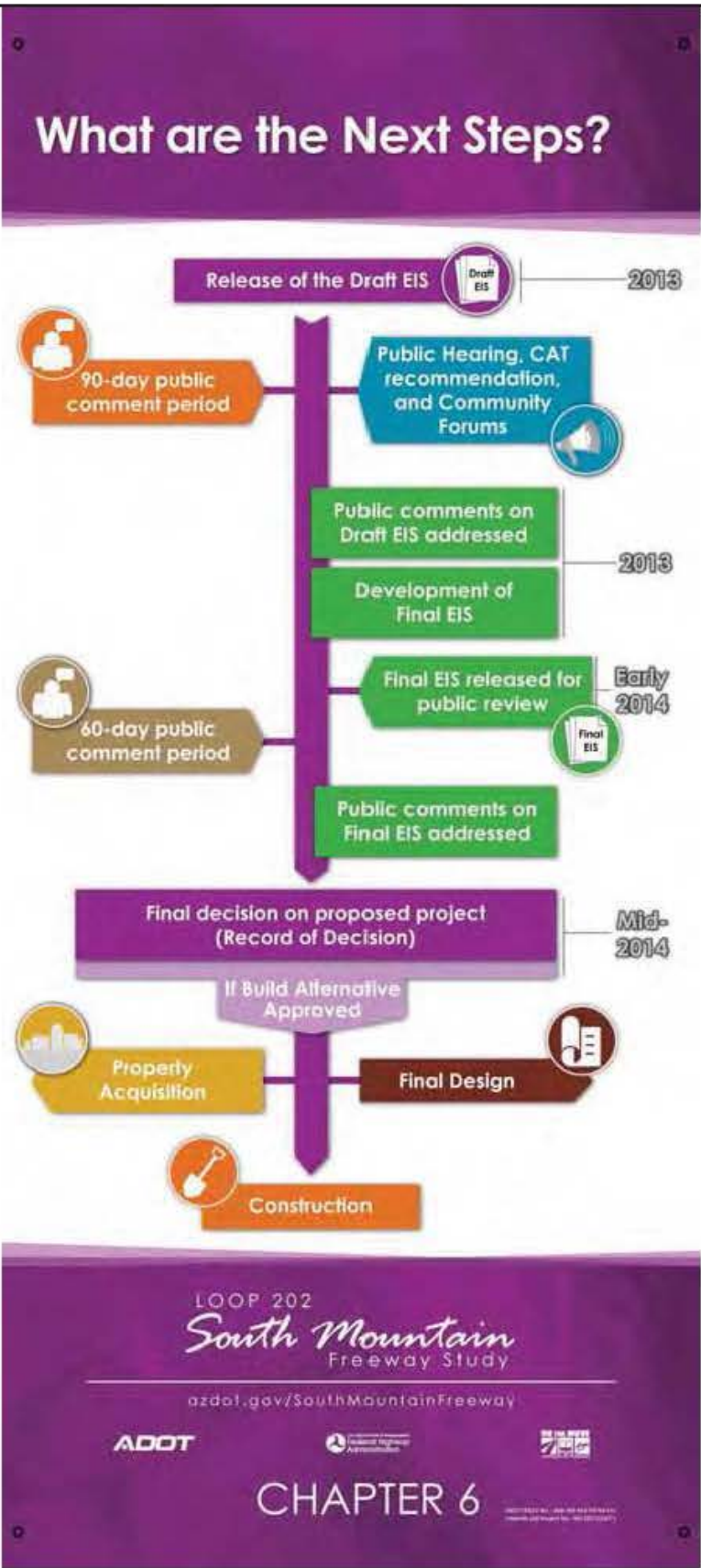
- Will be held at various locations in the Study Area during the public comment period.
- Technical staff will be at the forums to answer questions. Study materials, including the study video, will also be available to view.
- Court reporters will be available to take individual verbal comments.
- Written comments can also be submitted, but no formal "hearing" format will occur at these community forum meetings.
- Forum locations will be posted at azdot.gov/SouthMountainFreeway, emailed to the e-newsletter subscribers, and published in the newspaper and local publications.

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NEPA and EIS Description

What is NEPA?

The National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 establishes a framework that allows federal agencies to consider a multitude of factors, including environmental concerns, when making project-related decisions.

Why are FHWA and ADOT preparing an EIS?

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- NEPA requires federal agencies to examine the environmental, social, or economic impacts of a proposed action and provide opportunities for agency and public participation.
- Based on the potential impacts and the high level of interest in the proposed freeway, FHWA and ADOT have determined that an EIS is appropriate for this proposed action.

Federal actions include, but are not limited to, federal projects and federal approvals of non-federal activities such as interstate access modifications, funding, licenses, and permits.

NEPA Facts

- Applies only to "federal actions."
- Requires that environmental effects are considered by a federal agency before it takes an action.
- Requires a structured, logical, sequenced process from the beginning.

Public Involvement Process

- Requires evaluation of all reasonable alternatives, including the No-Build Alternative.
- Requires compliance with all other applicable federal laws and regulations.
- Engineering and environmental aspects of a project are equal; they are not prioritized.

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Important Elements in the NEPA Process

Completion of the NEPA process generally involves 8 integrated steps:

Steps	Outcomes
Public and Agency Input (Scoping)	Ensures that agencies and the public: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• understand the purpose of the project,• agree with the content, methodologies, and process, Collect valuable information from stakeholders on key issues.
Purpose and Need	Provides a statement of the problem that the proposed project is intended to solve (purpose) and why it is necessary (need). Establishes the basis for the development of a range of reasonable alternatives and assists with the identification of a preferred alternative.
Development of Alternatives	Identifies a full range of alternatives, including No-Build Alternative. Identifies alternative modes, configurations, and locations or alignments.
Evaluation of Alternatives	Provides technical information for comparison of alternatives, and potential environmental, physical and/or social impacts of the proposed action.
Selection of the Preferred Alternative	Identifies Preferred Alternative based on the alternatives screening process, environmental impacts assessment, and stakeholder input.
Draft EIS	Describes the impacts of alternatives, documents methods used to evaluate impacts, and discusses potential mitigation measures. Identifies the Preferred Alternative, DEIS available for public comment.
Final EIS	Describes the comments received on the DEIS, FHWA's responses and changes made. Identifies the Recommended Alternative, FES available for public comment.
Record of Decision	Identifies the Selected Alternative and why it was selected, specifies the "environmentally preferable alternative," and discusses avoiding, minimizing, and compensating for impacts.

Integrated technical evaluations are conducted by a interdisciplinary team of specialists including:

- environmental scientists
- outreach specialists
- managers
- social scientists
- documentation professionals
- legal experts
- engineers
- real estate professionals

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Welcome

Thank you for attending!

Purpose of the Public Hearing

- Present the findings of the Draft EIS.
- Provide an opportunity to comment on the Draft EIS.

Today's hearing consists of 3 components:



Room #1: Video

- You are encouraged to start in Room #1.
- Watch the video to learn about the study, the Draft EIS, and see a visual simulation of the proposed freeway. This video is played continuously throughout the day.



Room #2: Open House

- View banners summarizing important elements of the Draft EIS.
- View roll plots of the proposed freeway location and right-of-way needs.
- Speak with a study team representative.
- Submit a verbal comment to a court reporter.
- Complete a comment form.
- Submit a comment online.
- View a copy of the Draft EIS.



Room #3: Public Statements

- Provide a 3-minute verbal comment to the panel of study team members (speakers must register).
- Listen to public comments.

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General Ground Rules

Mutual respect, courtesy, and patience are the hearing's guiding principles.

To make everyone feel comfortable and welcome, regardless of their position on the study, we ask that you follow the ground rules listed below:

- Displays, signs, or banners are not allowed in the Convention Center.

Video Room

- Please remain quiet while in the audience (turn off cell phones or set them to vibrate).
- Please leave the room for side discussions.

Open House Room

- Please refrain from interrupting conversations between study team members and hearing attendees.

Public Statement Room

- Please remain quiet while in the audience (turn off cell phones or set them to vibrate).
- Please do not interrupt a speaker.
- Please leave the room for side discussions.
- When at the microphone, please refrain from addressing the audience or asking for audience participation.



Speaker Guidelines



General guidelines for speaker registration and participation are listed below. The moderator has the authority to deviate from these procedures, if needed.

1. **Register** - all speakers are required to register by either calling the hotline in advance of the hearing or by signing up at the Speaker Registration table.
2. **Order of Speakers** - Speakers will be called forward based on the order in which they sign up.
To accommodate as many speakers as possible, individuals who have spoken already at the hearing will be placed at the end of the list.
3. **Time limit for comments** - Each speaker will be allotted a maximum of 3 minutes to present his or her comments. A timer will alert speakers at the 2-minute mark, the 2-1/2 minute mark, and at 3 minutes.
4. **Verbally summarize written comments** - Speakers are encouraged to summarize written comments rather than read them in full.
5. **Submit written comments** - An individual or group representative who speaks may submit more detailed written comments for the hearing record or later provide written comment. All comments have equal weight.
6. **Cannot yield time** - To allow equal opportunity for all, and to accommodate the number of people who may wish to speak, yielding time to another person will not be allowed.
7. **Format** - Held for the purpose of receiving 3-minute verbal comments. It is not a question-and-answer session.
8. **No demonstrations** - Demonstrations will not be allowed in any of the rooms.
9. **General call** - When all who indicated a desire to speak have been called, there will be a general call for anyone who has not yet spoken. This would include, first, those who had signed up and might have missed their earlier call to speak, and second, any other person who had not previously spoken.
10. **Hearing Schedule** - The hearing is scheduled to run to 8:00 p.m. At 8:00 p.m., if there are still people who have not had the opportunity to speak, the moderator may continue the hearing to accommodate additional speakers.

Comment Methods - In addition to speaking at the public hearing, detailed written or spoken comment on the Draft EIS may be submitted by other methods described in the public hearing guide and banners. All comments received will have equal weight in the process and will receive the same level of attention.

Comments on the Draft EIS must be postmarked by July 24th, 2013.



Appendix L: ADOT Right-of-Way Handouts



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Section 4(f) At a Glance

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What is Section 4(f)?

Section 4(f) refers to the original section of the U.S. Department of Transportation Act of 1966 which prohibits the use of land from a park and recreation area, wildlife and waterfowl refuge, or historic site unless it can be shown that there is no prudent or feasible alternative to that use. Section 4(f) applies to transportation projects that will result in the use of Section 4(f) properties.



What are Section 4(f) properties?

Section 4(f) protects publicly owned parks, recreation areas, and wildlife or waterfowl refuges, or any publicly or privately owned historic site listed or eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places.

What is considered a use?

A "use" occurs when (a) Section 4(f) property is permanently acquired for a transportation project; (b) when there is occupancy of property that is adverse to the preservation purpose of the statute; or (c) when the proximity impacts of a transportation project are so great that the activities of the Section 4(f) resource are substantially impaired, even without the acquisition of the property.

What does Section 4(f) require?

Section 4(f) requires either the finding of a de minimis impact or the evaluation of alternatives that would avoid the use of Section 4(f) properties. If a feasible and prudent alternative that would avoid Section 4(f) impacts is identified, it must be selected.

What is a de minimis impact?

A de minimis impact is a use of Section 4(f) property that has been determined by FHWA to have no adverse impact on the protected resource. If a use is determined to result in a de minimis impact, evaluation of avoidance alternatives is not required. However, consideration of minimization, mitigation or enhancement measures should occur.

What is a "feasible and prudent" alternative?

An alternative is feasible if it can be constructed in accordance with sound engineering principles and practices. An alternative may be rejected as not prudent because it does not meet the project purpose and need or creates truly unique problems such as, it results in unacceptable adverse social, economic, or other environmental impacts; it would cause severe community disruption, or it would involve extraordinary operational or safety problems.

What happens if avoidance is not feasible and prudent? If the alternatives analysis concludes that there is no feasible and prudent avoidance alternative, then the alternative that causes the least overall harm to the Section 4(f) property should be selected. Factors considered include the ability to mitigate adverse impacts; the relative severity of remaining harm after mitigation; and the relative significance of the Section 4(f) property. All possible planning to minimize harm to the Section 4(f) resource is considered.

Who makes the 4(f) decision for highway projects?

FHWA is responsible for making all decisions related to Section 4(f) compliance. These include whether Section 4(f) applies to a property, whether a use will occur, whether an avoidance alternative is feasible and prudent, and whether a de minimis impact determination may be made.

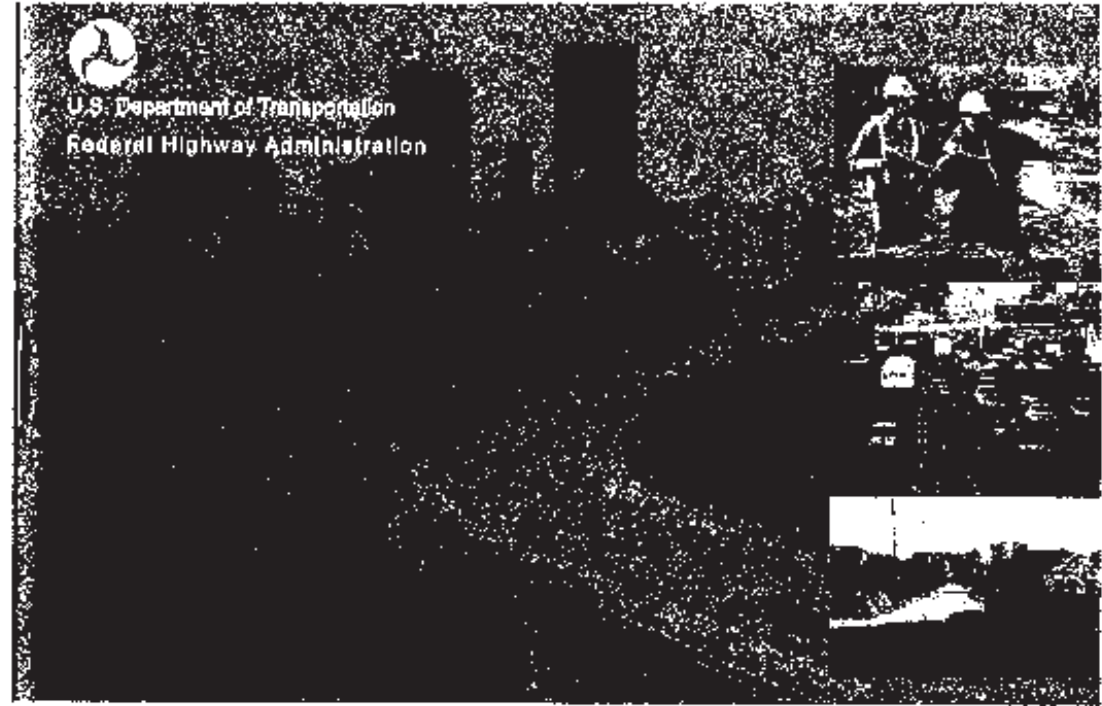


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INTRODUCTION

Government programs designed to benefit the public as a whole often result in acquisition of private property and, sometimes, in the displacement of people from their residences, businesses or farms. Acquisition of this kind has long been recognized as a right of government and is known as the power of eminent domain. The Fifth Amendment of the Constitution states that private property shall not be taken for public use without just compensation.

To provide uniform and equitable treatment for persons whose property is acquired for public use, Congress passed the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, and amended it in 1987. This law, called the Uniform Act, is the foundation for the information discussed in this brochure.

Revised rules for the Uniform Act were published in the Federal Register on January 4, 2005. The rules are reprinted each year in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Title 49, Part 24. All Federal, State and local government agencies, as well as others receiving Federal financial assistance for public programs and projects, that require the acquisition of real property, must comply with the policies and provisions set forth in the Uniform Act and the regulation.



The acquisition itself does not need to be federally-funded for the rules to apply. If Federal funds are used in any phase of the program or project, the rules of the Uniform Act apply. The rules encourage acquiring agencies to negotiate with property owners in a prompt and amicable manner so that litigation can be avoided.

This brochure explains your rights as an owner of real property to be acquired for a federally-funded program or project. The requirements for relocation assistance are explained in a brochure entitled Relocation, Your Rights and Benefits as a Displaced Person under the Federal Relocation Assistance Program.

Acquisition and relocation information can be found on the Federal Highway Administration Office of Real Estate Services website: www.fhwa.dot.gov/realestate

The agency responsible for the federally-funded program or project in your area will have specific information regarding your acquisition. Please contact the sponsoring agency to receive answers to your specific questions.

IMPORTANT TERMS USED IN THIS BROCHURE

Acquisition

Acquisition is the process of acquiring real property (real estate) or some interest therein.

Agency

An agency can be a government organization (Federal, State, or local), a non-government organization (such as a utility company), or a private person using Federal financial assistance for a program or project that acquires real property or displaces a person.

Appraisal

An appraisal is a written statement independently and impartially prepared by a qualified appraiser setting forth an opinion of defined value of an adequately described property as of a specific date, supported by the presentation and analysis of relevant market information.

Condemnation

Condemnation is the legal process of acquiring private property for public use or purpose through the agency's power of eminent domain. Condemnation is usually not used until all attempts to reach a mutually satisfactory agreement through negotiations have failed. An agency then goes to court to acquire the needed property.

Easement

In general, an easement is the right of one person to use all or part of the property of another person for some specific purpose. Easements can be permanent or temporary (i.e.,

limited to a stated period of time). The term may be used to describe either the right itself or the document conferring the right. Examples are: permanent easement for utilities, permanent easement for perpetual maintenance of drainage structures, and temporary easement to allow reconstruction of a driveway during construction.

Eminent Domain

Eminent domain is the right of government to take private property for public use. In the U.S., just compensation must be paid for private property acquired for federally-funded programs or projects.

Fair Market Value

Fair market value is market value that has been adjusted to reflect constitutional and other legal requirements for public acquisition.

Interest

An interest is a right, title, or legal share in something. People who share in the ownership of real property have an interest in the property.

Just Compensation

Just compensation is the price an agency must pay to acquire real property. An agency official must make the estimate of just compensation to be offered to you for the property needed. That amount may not be less than the amount established in the approved appraisal report as the fair market value for your property. If you and the agency cannot agree on the amount of just compensation to be

paid for the property needed, and it becomes necessary for the agency to use the condemnation process, the amount determined by the court will be the just compensation for your property.

Lien

A lien is a charge against a property in which the property is the security for payment of a debt. A mortgage is a lien. So are taxes. Customarily, liens must be paid in full when the property is sold.

Market Value

Market value is the sale price that a willing and informed seller and a willing and informed buyer agree to for a particular property.

Negotiation

Negotiation is the process used by an agency to reach an amicable agreement with a property owner for the acquisition of needed property. An offer is made for the purchase of property in person, or by mail, and the offer is discussed with the owner.

Person

A person is an individual, partnership, corporation, or association.

Personal Property

In general, personal property is property that can be moved. It is not permanently attached to, or a part of, the real property. Personal property is not to be included and valued in the appraisal of real property.

Program or Project

A program or project is any activity or series of activities undertaken by an agency where Federal financial assistance is used in any phase of the activity.

Waiver Valuation

The term waiver valuation means an administrative process for estimating fair market value for relatively low-value, non-complex acquisitions. A waiver valuation is prepared in lieu of an appraisal.

PROPERTY APPRAISAL

An agency determines what specific property needs to be acquired for a public program or project after the project has been planned and government requirements have been met.



If your property, or a portion of it, needs to be acquired, you, the property owner, will be notified as soon as possible of (1) the agency's interest in acquiring your property, (2) the agency's obligation to secure any necessary appraisals, and (3) any other useful information.

When an agency begins the acquisition process, the first personal contact with you, the property owner, should be no later than during the appraisal of the property.



An appraiser will contact you to make an appointment to inspect your property. The appraiser is responsible for determining the initial fair market value of the property. The agency will have a review appraiser study and recommend

approval of the appraisal report used to establish the just compensation to be offered to you for the property needed.

You, or a representative that you designate, will be invited to accompany the appraiser when the appraiser inspects your property. You can point out any unusual or hidden features of the property that the appraiser could overlook. At this time, you should advise the appraiser if any of these conditions exist:

- There are other persons who have ownership or interest in the property.
- There are tenants on the property.
- Items of real or personal property that belong to someone else are located on your property.
- The presence of hazardous material, underground storage or utilities.

This is your opportunity to tell the appraiser about anything relevant to your property, including other properties in your area that have recently sold.

The appraiser will inspect your property and note its physical characteristics. He or she will review sales of properties similar to yours in order to compare the facts of those sales with the facts about your property. The appraiser will analyze all elements that affect value.



The appraiser must consider normal depreciation and physical deterioration that has taken place. By law, the appraiser must disregard the influence of the future public project on the value of the property. This requirement may be partially responsible for any difference in the fair market value and market value of your property.

The appraisal report will describe your property and the agency will determine a value based on the condition of the property on the day that the appraiser last inspected it, as compared with other similar properties that have sold.

JUST COMPENSATION

Once the appraisal of fair market value is complete, a review appraiser from the agency will review the report to ensure that all applicable appraisal standards and requirements are met. When they are, the review appraiser will give the agency the approved appraisal to use in determining the amount of just compensation to be offered for your real property. This amount will never be less than the fair market value established by the approved appraisal.



If the agency is only acquiring a part of your property, there may be damages or benefits to your remaining property. Any allowable damages or benefits will be reflected in the just compensation amount. The agency will prepare a written offer of just compensation for you when negotiations begin.

Buildings, Structures and Improvements

Sometimes buildings, structures, or other improvements are located on the property to be acquired. If they are real property, the agency must offer to acquire at least an equal interest in them if they must be removed or if the agency determines that the improvements will be adversely affected by the public program or project.

An improvement will be valued as real property regardless of who owns it.

Tenant-Owned Buildings, Structures and Improvements

Sometimes tenants lease real property and build or add improvements for their use. Frequently, they have the right or obligation to remove the improvements at the expiration of the lease term. If, under State law, the improvements are considered to be real property, the agency must make an offer to the tenants to acquire these improvements as real property.

In order to be paid for these improvements, the tenant-owner must assign, transfer, and release to the agency all right, title, and interest in the improvements. Also, the owner of the real property on which the improvements are located must disclaim all interest in the improvements.

For an improvement, just compensation is the amount that the improvement contributes to the fair market value of the whole property, or its value for removal from the property (salvage value), whichever amount is greater.

A tenant-owner can reject payment for the tenant-owned improvements and obtain payment for his or her property interests in accordance with other applicable laws. The agency cannot pay for tenant-owned improvements if such payment would result in the duplication of any other compensation otherwise authorized by law.

If improvements are considered personal property under State law, the tenant-owner may be reimbursed for moving them under the relocation assistance provision.

The agency will personally contact the tenant-owners of improvements to explain the procedures to be followed. Any payments must be in accordance with Federal rules and applicable State laws.

EXCEPTIONS TO THE APPRAISAL REQUIREMENT

The Uniform Act requires that all real property to be acquired must be appraised, but it also authorizes waiving that requirement for low value acquisitions.

Regulations provide that the appraisal may be waived:

- If you elect to donate the property and release the agency from the obligation of performing an appraisal, or
- If the agency believes the acquisition of your property is uncomplicated and a review of available data supports a fair market value likely to be \$10,000 or less, the agency may prepare a waiver valuation, rather than an appraisal, to estimate your fair market value.

If the agency believes the acquisition of your property is uncomplicated and a review of available data supports a fair market value likely to be over \$10,000 but less than \$25,000, the agency may prepare a waiver valuation rather than an appraisal to estimate your fair market value, however, if you elect to have the agency appraise your property, an appraisal will be obtained.

THE WRITTEN OFFER

After the agency approves the just compensation offer they will begin negotiations with you or your designated representative by delivering the written offer of just compensation for the purchase of the real property. If practical, this offer will be delivered in person by a representative of the agency. Otherwise, the offer will be made by mail and followed up with a contact in person or by telephone. All owners of the property with known addresses will be contacted unless they collectively have designated one person to represent their interests.



An agency representative will explain agency acquisition policies and procedures in writing, either by use of an informational brochure, or in person.

The agency’s written offer will consist of a written summary statement that includes all of the following information:

- The amount offered as just compensation.
- The description and location of the property and the interest to be acquired.
- The identification of the buildings and other improvements that are considered to be part of the real property.

The offer may list items of real property that you may retain and remove from the property and their retention values. If you decide to retain any or all of these items, the offer will be reduced by the value of the items retained. You will be responsible for removing the items from the property in a timely manner. The agency may elect to withhold a portion of the remaining offer until the retained items are removed from the property.

Any separately held ownership interests in the property, such as tenant-owned improvements, will be identified by the agency.

The agency may negotiate with each person who holds a separate ownership interest, or, may negotiate with the primary owner and prepare a check payable jointly to all owners.

The agency will give you a reasonable amount of time to consider the written offer and ask questions or seek clarification of anything that is not understood.

If you believe that all relevant material was not considered during the appraisal, you may present such information at this time. Modifications in the proposed terms and conditions of the purchase may be requested. The agency will consider any reasonable requests that are made during negotiations.

Partial Acquisition

Often an agency does not need all the property you own. The agency will usually purchase only what it needs.

If the agency intends to acquire only a portion of the property, the agency must state the amount to be paid for the part to be acquired.

In addition, an amount will be stated separately for damages, if any, to the portion of the property you will keep.

If the agency determines that the remainder property will have little or no value or use to you, the agency will consider this remainder to be an uneconomic remnant and will offer to purchase it. You have the option of accepting the offer for purchase of the uneconomic remnant or keeping the property.

Agreement Between You and the Agency

When you reach agreement with the agency on the offer, you will be asked to sign an option to buy, a purchase agreement, an easement, or some form of deed prepared by the agency. Your signature will affirm that you and the agency are in agreement concerning the acquisition of the property, including terms and conditions.



If you do not reach an agreement with the agency because of some important point connected with the acquisition offer, the agency may suggest mediation as a means of coming to agreement. If the agency thinks that a settlement cannot be reached, it will initiate condemnation proceedings.

The agency may not take any action to force you into accepting its offer. Prohibited actions include:

- Advancing the condemnation process.
- Deferring negotiations.
- Deferring condemnation.
- Delaying the deposit of funds with the court for your use when condemnation is initiated.
- Any other coercive action designed to force an agreement regarding the price to be paid for your property.

ACQUISITIONS WHERE CONDEMNATION WILL NOT BE USED

An agency may not possess the power of eminent domain. Or an agency has the power of eminent domain but elects not to use it for a program or project. If this is the case, you will be informed in writing, before negotiations begin, that the agency will not condemn your property if you and the agency fail to reach agreement. Before making you an offer, the agency will inform you, in writing, of what it believes to be

the fair market value for the property it would like to acquire. An owner, in this situation, is not eligible for relocation assistance benefits.

Tenants on the property may be eligible for relocation benefits.

PAYMENT

The next step in the acquisition process is payment for your property. As soon as all the necessary paperwork is completed for transferring title of the property, the agency will pay any liens that exist against the property and pay your equity to you. Your incidental expenses will also be paid or reimbursed.

Incidental expenses are reasonable expenses incurred as a result of transferring title to the agency, such as:

- Recording fees and transfer taxes.
- Documentary stamps.
- Evidence of title, however, the agency is not required to pay costs required solely to perfect your title or to assure that the title to the real property is entirely without defect.
- Surveys and legal descriptions of the real property.
- Other similar expenses necessary to convey the property to the agency.

Penalty costs and other charges for prepaying any preexisting recorded mortgage entered into in good faith encumbering the real property will be reimbursed.

The pro rata share of any prepaid real property taxes that can be allocated to the period after the agency obtains title to the property or takes possession of it, will be reimbursed.

If possible, the agency will pay these costs directly so that you will not need to pay the costs and then claim reimbursement.

POSSESSION

The agency may not take possession of your property unless:

- You have been paid the agreed purchase price, or
- In the case of condemnation, the agency has deposited with the court an amount for your benefit and use that is at least the amount of the agency’s approved appraisal of the fair market value of your property, or
- The agency has paid the amount of the court award of compensation in the condemnation proceeding.



If the agency takes possession while persons still occupy the property:

- All persons occupying the property must receive a written notice to move at least 90 days in advance of the required date to move. In this context, the term person includes residential occupants, homeowners, tenants, businesses, non-profit organizations, and farms.
- An occupant of a residence cannot be required to move until at least 90 days after a comparable replacement dwelling has been made available for occupancy. Only in unusual circumstances, such as when continued occupancy would constitute a substantial danger to the health or safety of the occupants, can vacation of the property be required in less than 90 days.

SETTLEMENT

The agency will make every effort to reach an agreement with you during negotiations. You may provide additional information, and make reasonable counter offers and proposals for the agency to consider.

When it is in the public interest, most agencies use the information provided as a basis for administrative or legal settlements, as appropriate.

CONDEMNATION

If an agreement cannot be reached, the agency can acquire the property by exercising its power of eminent domain. It will do this by instituting formal condemnation proceedings with the appropriate State or Federal court.

If the property is being acquired directly by a Federal agency, the condemnation action will take place in a Federal court and Federal procedures will be followed.

If the property is being acquired by anyone else that has condemnation authority, the condemnation action will take place in State court and the procedures will follow State law.

In many States, a board of viewers or commissioners, or a similar body, will initially determine the amount of compensation you are due for the property. You and the agency will be allowed to present information to the court during these proceedings.

If you or the agency are dissatisfied with the board's determination of compensation, a trial by a judge or a jury may be scheduled. The court will set the final amount of just compensation after it has heard all arguments.

Litigation Expenses

Normally, the agency does not reimburse you for costs you incur as a result of condemnation proceedings. The agency will reimburse you, however, under any of the following conditions:

- The court determines that the agency cannot acquire your property by condemnation.
- The condemnation proceedings are abandoned by the agency without an agreed-upon settlement.
- You initiate an inverse condemnation action and the court agrees with you that the agency has taken your real property rights without the payment of just compensation, or the agency elects to settle the case without further legal action.
- The agency is subject to State laws that require reimbursement for these or other condemnation costs.

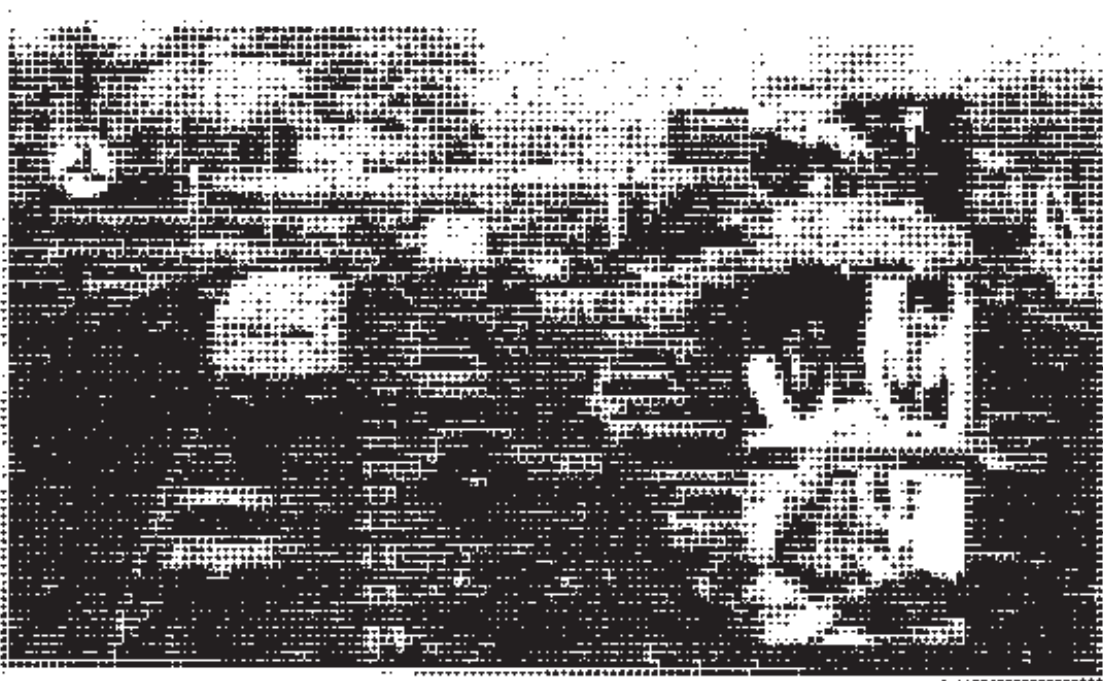
The information is provided to assist you in understanding the requirements that must be met by agencies, and your rights and obligations. If you have any questions, contact your agency representative.

Additional information on Federal acquisition requirements, the law and the regulation can be found at www.fhwa.dot.gov/realestate

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RELOCATION
**YOUR RIGHTS AND BENEFITS AS A
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RELOCATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

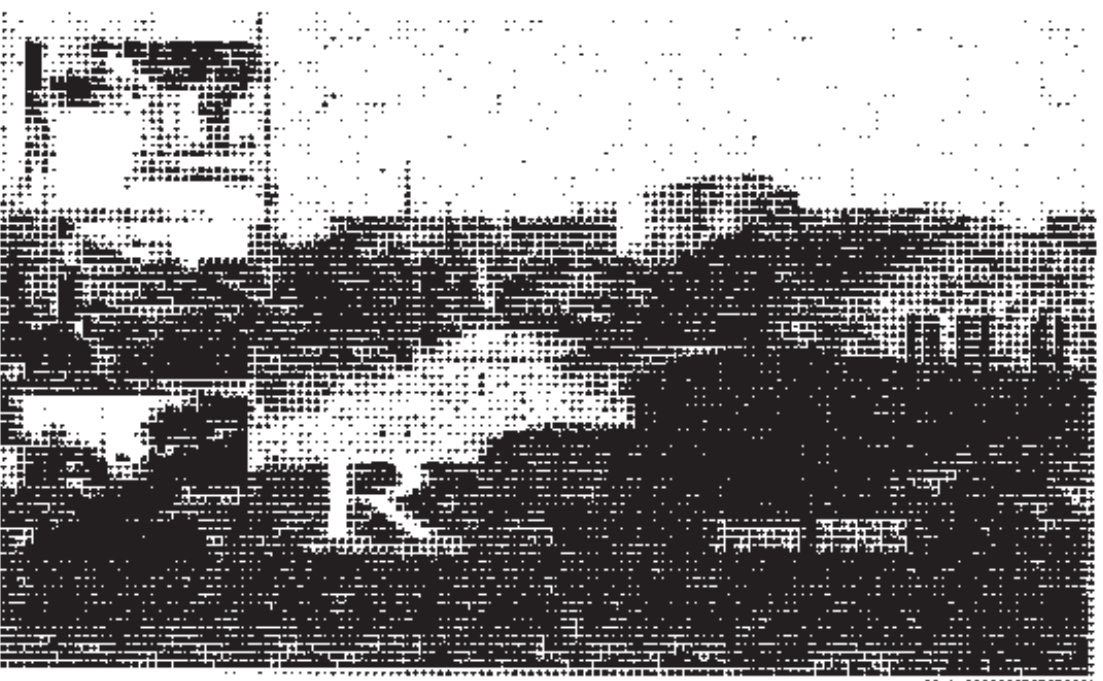


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INTRODUCTION

Government programs designed to benefit the public as a whole often result in acquisition of private property, and sometimes in the displacement of people from their residences, businesses, nonprofit organizations, or farms.

To provide uniform and equitable treatment for persons displaced, Congress passed the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, and amended it in 1987. This law, called the Uniform Act, is the foundation for the information discussed in this brochure.

Acquisition and relocation policies and provisions for all Federal and federally assisted programs and projects are contained in the government-wide rule published in the Federal Register on January 4, 2005. The rules are reprinted each year in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Title 49, Part 24. All Federal, State, local government agencies, and others receiving Federal financial assistance for public programs and projects that require the acquisition of real property must comply with the policies and provisions set forth in the Uniform Act and the regulation.

The acquisition itself does not need to be federally funded for the rules to apply. If Federal funds are used in any phase of the program or project, the rules of the Uniform Act apply.

Section 1 of this brochure provides information about relocation assistance advisory service. Section 2 contains information important to you if you are being displaced from a residence. Section 3 contains information for displaced businesses, farms, and nonprofit organizations.

If you are required to move as a result of a Federal or federally assisted program or project, a relocation counselor will contact you. The counselor will answer your specific questions and provide additional information you may need. If you have a disability that prevents you from reading or understanding this brochure, you will be provided appropriate assistance. You should notify the sponsoring Agency if you have special requirements for assistance.

This brochure explains your rights as an owner of real property to be acquired for a federally funded program or project. The requirements for acquisition of property are explained in a brochure entitled Acquisition, Acquiring Real Property for Federal and Federal-aid Programs and Projects. Acquisition and relocation information can be found on the Federal Highway Administration Office of Real Estate Services website www.fhwa.dot.gov/realestate

IMPORTANT TERMS USED IN THIS BROCHURE

Agency

Relocation assistance advisory services and payments are administered at the local level by an Agency responsible for the acquisition of real property and/or the displacement of people from property to be used for a federally funded program or project. The Agency may be a Federal agency, a State agency, a local agency, such as a county or a city, or a person carrying out a program or project with Federal financial assistance. The Agency may contract with a qualified individual or firm to administer the relocation program. However, the Agency remains responsible for the program.

Alien Not Lawfully Present

The law provides that if a displaced person is an alien not lawfully present in the United States such person is not eligible for relocation payments or assistance under the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act, unless ineligibility would result in exceptional and extremely unusual hardship to the alien’s spouse, parent or child, and such spouse, parent or child is a citizen or an alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence.

Business

Any lawful activity, with the exception of a farm operation, conducted primarily for the purchase, sale, lease, and rental of personal or real property; or for the manufacture, processing, and/or marketing of products, commodities, or any other personal property; or for the sale of services to the public; or solely for the purpose of the Uniform Act, an outdoor advertising display or displays, when the display(s) must be moved as a result of the project.

Displaced Person

Any person (individual, family, partnership, association or corporation) who moves from real property, or moves personal property from real property as a direct result of (1) the acquisition of the real property, in whole or in part, (2) a written notice from the Agency of its intent to acquire, (3) the initiation of negotiations for the purchase of the real property by the Agency, or (4) a written notice requiring a person to vacate real property for the purpose of rehabilitation or demolition of improvements, provided the displacement is permanent and the property is needed for a Federal or federally assisted program or project.

Farm

Any activity conducted solely or primarily for the production of one or more agricultural products or commodities, including timber, for sale and home use, and customarily producing such products or commodities in sufficient quantity to be capable of contributing materially to the operator’s support.

Nonprofit Organization

A public or private entity that has established its nonprofit status under applicable Federal or State law.



Program or Project

An activity or series of activities undertaken by a Federal agency, or an activity undertaken by a State or local agency with Federal financial assistance in any phase of the activity.

Small Business

A business having not more than 500 employees working at a site which is the location of economic activity and which will be acquired for a program or project, or is displaced by a program or project. A site occupied solely by an outdoor advertising sign(s) does not qualify for purposes of the reestablishment expense benefit.

SECTION 1 – RELOCATION ADVISORY SERVICES

A relocation counselor will contact you and offer relocation assistance service.

Any individual, family, business or farm displaced by a Federal or federally assisted program shall be offered relocation assistance services for the purpose of locating a suitable replacement property. Relocation services are provided by qualified personnel employed by the Agency. It is their goal and desire to be of service to you, and assist in any way possible to help you successfully relocate.

Remember, your relocation counselor is there to **help** and **advise** you, so please be sure to make full use of the counselor's services. Do not hesitate to ask questions and be sure you fully understand all your rights and benefits.

An individual with a disability will be provided the assistance needed to locate and move to a replacement dwelling or site. The individual should notify the Agency of any special requirements for assistance.

RESIDENTIAL ASSISTANCE

A relocation counselor from the Agency will contact and interview you to find out your needs. Relocation services and payments will be explained in accordance with your eligibility. During the initial interview your housing needs and desires will be determined as well as your need for assistance.

The counselor will offer assistance and provide a current listing of comparable properties. You will be provided a written determination of the amount of replacement housing

payment for which you qualify. The counselor can supply information on other Federal and State programs in your area.

Transportation will be offered to inspect housing referrals. The Agency will provide counseling or help you get assistance from other sources as a means of minimizing hardships in adjusting to your new location.

You cannot be required to move unless at least one comparable decent, safe, and sanitary (DSS) replacement dwelling is made available to you.

Please let your counselor know if you locate a replacement dwelling so that it can be inspected to assure that it meets DSS standards.

BUSINESS, FARM, AND NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION ASSISTANCE

A relocation counselor from the Agency will contact and interview you to find out your needs and replacement site requirements and estimate the time needed to accomplish the move. Relocation services and payments will be explained in accordance with your eligibility. It is important to explain to the counselor any anticipated problems. During the initial interview the relocation counselor will ask many questions to determine your financial ability to accomplish the move, including lease terms and other obligations.

The counselor will help determine the need for outside specialists to plan, move, and reinstall personal property. The counselor will identify and resolve any issues regarding

what is real estate and what is personal property to be relocated. The counselor will explore and provide advice as to possible sources of funding and assistance from other local, State, and Federal agencies. In addition, as needed, the relocation counselor will maintain listings of commercial properties and farms.

The goal is to achieve a successful relocation back into the community.

Social Services Provided By Other Agencies

Your relocation counselor will be familiar with the services provided by other public and private agencies in your community. If you have special problems, the counselor will make every effort to secure the services of those agencies with trained personnel who have the expertise to help you. Make your needs known in order that you may receive the help you need.



SECTION 2 – INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES

MOVING COSTS

If you qualify as a displaced person, you are entitled to reimbursement of your moving costs and certain related moving expenses. Displaced individuals and families may choose to be paid either on the basis of actual, reasonable moving costs and related expenses, **or** according to a fixed moving cost schedule. To assure your eligibility and prompt payment of moving expenses, you should contact the relocation counselor from the Agency before you move.

Actual, Reasonable Moving Costs

You may be paid for your actual, reasonable moving costs by a professional mover plus related expenses, **or** you may move yourself. Reimbursement will be limited to a 50-mile distance in most cases. Related expenses involved in the move may include:

- Packing and unpacking personal property.
- Disconnecting and reconnecting household appliances.
- Temporary storage of personal property.
- Insurance while property is in storage or transit.
- Transfer of telephone service and other similar utility reconnections.
- Other expenses considered eligible by the Agency.

All expenses must be considered necessary and reasonable by the Agency and supported by paid receipts or other evidence of expenses incurred.

Fixed Moving Cost Schedule

You may choose to be paid on the basis of a fixed moving cost schedule established for your State of residence. The amount of the payment is based on the number of rooms in your dwelling. Your relocation counselor will be able to tell you the exact amount you will be eligible to receive if you select this option. The schedule is designed to include all of the expenses incurred in moving, including those services that must be purchased from others.

If you are the owner of a displaced mobile home, you may be entitled to a payment for the cost of moving the mobile home to a replacement site on an actual cost basis. Displaced mobile home occupants (owners or tenants) may also be eligible for a payment for moving personal property from the mobile home such as furniture, appliances and clothing on an actual cost basis, or on the basis of a moving cost schedule. For a complete explanation of all moving cost options involving a mobile home, please discuss the matter with your relocation counselor.

REPLACEMENT HOUSING

There are three types of replacement housing payments: purchase supplement, rental assistance, and downpayment. To understand replacement housing payments you first need to become familiar with the terms **Comparable; Financial Means; Decent, Safe, and Sanitary (DSS); and Last Resort Housing**.

Comparable

A comparable replacement dwelling must be DSS and functionally equivalent to your present dwelling. While not necessarily identical to your present dwelling, a comparable replacement dwelling should provide for the same utility and function as the dwelling from which you are being displaced. In addition, a comparable replacement dwelling should be:

- Adequate in size to accommodate the occupants (e.g., you and your family).
- Located in an area that is not subject to unreasonable adverse environmental conditions.
- Located in an area that is not less desirable than your present location with respect to public utilities and commercial and public facilities.
- Reasonably accessible to your place of employment.
- Located on a site that is typical in size for residential development with normal site improvements.
- Currently available on the private market.
- Within your financial means.

Financial Means

For a homeowner, if a purchase supplement is needed and provided, in addition to the acquisition price for your dwelling, then the replacement dwelling is considered to be within your financial means.

For a tenant, the monthly rent and estimated average monthly utility (electricity, gas, other heating and cooking fuels, water and sewer) cost for a comparable replacement dwelling is considered to be within financial means if, after receiving rental assistance, this amount does not exceed the base monthly rent (including average monthly utility cost) for the dwelling from which the tenant is displaced.

The Agency may need to calculate the base monthly rent using 30% of the displaced tenant's total monthly gross household income, if that income qualifies as low income in accordance with established low income amounts determined by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

The Agency will also evaluate the amounts designated for shelter and utilities for a tenant that receives government assistance.

The rental assistance payment will be computed using the lesser of the three (rent and average monthly utility cost; 30% of the total monthly gross household income for a qualified low income tenant; or the total amount designated for shelter and utilities for a tenant receiving government assistance). To ensure the maximum benefit, it is important to provide the Agency appropriate evidence of total monthly household income when asked. There are some amounts that are not included as monthly household income, including income earned by dependents. The Agency will explain this procedure in greater detail.

Decent, Safe, and Sanitary

The DSS standard means the replacement dwelling meets the minimum requirements established by Federal regulations and conforms to applicable local housing and occupancy codes. The dwelling shall:

- Be structurally sound, weathertight, and in good repair.
- Contain a safe electrical wiring system adequate for lighting and other devices.
- Contain a heating system capable of sustaining a healthful temperature (approximately 70 degrees Fahrenheit) except in those areas where local climatic conditions do not require such a system.
- Be adequate in size with respect to the number of rooms and area of living space to accommodate the displaced person.
- Contain a well-lighted and ventilated bathroom providing privacy to the user and containing a sink, bathtub or shower stall, and a toilet, all in good working order and properly connected to appropriate sources of water and sewage drainage system.
- Contain a kitchen area with a fully usable sink, properly connected to potable hot and cold water and to a sewage drainage system, with adequate space and utility connections for a stove and refrigerator.
- Have unobstructed egress to safe, open space at ground level.

- Be free of any barriers which prevent reasonable ingress, egress or, in the case of a handicapped displaced person, use of the dwelling.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Please understand that the replacement dwelling inspection for decent, safe, and sanitary requirements is conducted by Agency personnel for the sole purpose of determining your eligibility for a relocation payment. Therefore, you must not interpret the Agency's approval of a dwelling to provide any assurance or guarantee that there are no deficiencies in the dwelling or in its fixtures and equipment that may be discovered at a later date. It is your responsibility to protect your best interest and investment in the purchase or rental of your replacement property and you must clearly understand that the Agency will assume no responsibility if structural, mechanical, legal, or other unforeseen problems are discovered after the inspection has been conducted.

Last Resort Housing

The term Last Resort Housing is an administrative procedure authorized by law to address those times when comparable replacement housing is not available under statutory limits specified in law. The law and regulation allow the Agency to provide a replacement housing payment in excess of the statutory maximums of \$5,250 and \$22,500. Because this provision is commonly used, the statutory maximums will not be restated throughout this brochure.

The Agency must provide comparable replacement housing, that is DSS and within your financial means, before you are required to move. The Agency may provide the necessary housing in a number of ways, such as:

- Making a replacement housing payment in excess of the maximum \$5,250 or \$22,500 statutory limits.
- Purchasing an existing comparable residential dwelling and making it available to you in exchange for your dwelling.
- Moving and rehabilitating a dwelling and making it available to you in exchange for your property.
- Purchasing, rehabilitating or reconstructing an existing dwelling to make it comparable to your property.
- Purchasing land and constructing a new replacement dwelling comparable to your dwelling when comparables are not otherwise available.
- Purchasing an existing dwelling, removing barriers or rehabilitating the structure to accommodate a handicapped displaced person when a suitable comparable replacement dwelling is not available.
- Providing a direct loan which will enable you to construct or contract for the construction of a decent, safe, and sanitary replacement dwelling.

Freedom of Choice

All eligible displaced persons have the freedom of choice in the selection of a replacement dwelling. The Agency will not require you, without your written consent, to accept a replacement dwelling provided by the Agency. If you decide not to accept the replacement housing offered by the Agency, you may secure a replacement dwelling of your choice but it must meet the DSS standard.

If you are eligible for Last Resort Housing, your relocation counselor will thoroughly explain the program to you.

Length of Occupancy – Basic Occupancy Requirements

The type of payment you are eligible for depends on whether you are an owner or a tenant, and how long you have lived in the property being acquired prior to the initiation of negotiations. “Length of occupancy” simply means counting the number of days that you occupied the dwelling before the date of initiation of negotiations by the Agency for the purchase of the property.

The term “initiation of negotiations” is usually the date the Agency makes the first personal contact with the owner of real property, or his/her representative, to provide a written offer to purchase the property being acquired.

Owners who were in occupancy 180 days or more prior to the initiation of negotiations may be eligible for a purchase supplement or a rental assistance payment.

Tenants who were in occupancy 90 days or more prior to the initiation of negotiations may be eligible for a rental assistance payment or a downpayment.

Owners who were in occupancy 90 days to 179 days prior to the initiation of negotiations, may be eligible for a rental assistance payment or a downpayment, however, the downpayment cannot exceed the amount you would have received if you had been a 180-day owner.



If you were in occupancy at the time of the initiation of negotiations, but less than 90 days prior to that date, you are considered a displaced person entitled to relocation assistance advisory services and moving payments. You may be entitled to a rental assistance payment if comparable replacement rental housing is not available within your financial means. The Agency will use the financial means test described earlier in this brochure. This involves checking to see if you qualify as low income using the HUD definition. If so, and you are required to pay rent and utilities in excess of 30% of your average monthly gross household income for a comparable replacement dwelling unit, you may be eligible for a rental assistance payment under Last Resort Housing because comparable replacement housing is not available within your financial means. You should meet with your relocation counselor for an explanation of the relocation benefits that you may be eligible to receive.

REPLACEMENT HOUSING – PURCHASE SUPPLEMENT

For Owner Occupants of 180 Days or More

If you are an owner and occupied your home for 180 days or more immediately prior to the initiation of negotiations for your property, you may be eligible - in addition to the fair market value of your property - for a supplemental payment for costs necessary to purchase a comparable DSS replacement dwelling. The Agency will compute the maximum payment you are eligible to receive. You must purchase and occupy a DSS replacement dwelling within one year. A purchase supplement has three components: a price differential, an amount for increased mortgage interest and incidental expenses. The purchase supplement is in addition to the acquisition price paid for your property.

Price Differential

The price differential payment is the amount by which the cost of a replacement dwelling exceeds the acquisition cost of the displacement dwelling.

Increased Mortgage Interest

You may be reimbursed for increased mortgage interest costs if the interest rate on your new mortgage exceeds that of your present mortgage. To be eligible your acquired dwelling must have been encumbered by a bona fide mortgage which was a valid lien for at least 180 days prior to the initiation of negotiations.

Incidental Expenses

You may be reimbursed for other expenses such as reasonable costs incurred for title search, recording fees, and certain other closing costs, but not for prepaid expenses such as real estate taxes and property insurance.

Example of a Price Differential Computation

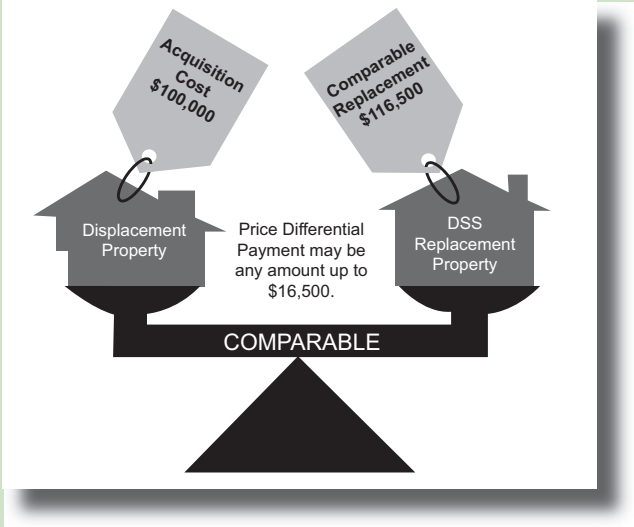
Example A: Assume the Agency purchases your property for \$100,000. After a thorough study of available comparable residential properties on the open market, the Agency determines that a comparable replacement property will cost \$116,500. If you purchase a DSS replacement property for \$116,500, you will be eligible for a price differential payment of \$16,500.

Example B: If you purchase a DSS replacement property costing more than \$116,500, you pay the difference as shown in Example B.

Example C: If your purchase price is less than \$116,500, the price differential payment will be based on your actual cost.



Agency Computation of Maximum Price Differential Payment	Cost of Comparable Replacement Acquisition Price of Your Property Maximum Price Differential Payment	\$116,500 - 100,000 \$ 16,500
Example A	Actual Cost of Replacement Property (Same Purchase Price as Comparable) Acquisition Price of Your Property Price Differential Payment	\$116,500 - 100,000 \$ 16,500
Example B	Actual Cost of Replacement Property Acquisition Price of Your Property Difference Price Differential Payment You Are Responsible for This Amount	\$125,000 - 100,000 \$ 25,000 \$16,500 \$8,500
Example C	Actual Cost of Replacement Property Acquisition Price of Your Property Price Differential Payment Payment is Based on Actual Cost	\$114,000 - 100,000 \$ 14,000



REPLACEMENT HOUSING – RENTAL ASSISTANCE

180-Day Owners Who Elect to Rent

A rental computation will be computed based on a determination of the fair market rent for the acquired dwelling compared to a comparable rental dwelling available on the market. The difference will be multiplied by 42. In no circumstances will the rental assistance payment exceed the amount the owner would have received as a price differential described previously.

For Owner Occupants and Tenants of 90 Days or More

Owner occupants and tenants of 90 days or more may be eligible for a rental assistance payment. To be eligible for a rental assistance payment, tenants and owners must have been in occupancy at least 90 days immediately preceding the initiation of negotiations for the acquisition of the property.

This payment is designed to enable you to rent a comparable decent, safe, and sanitary replacement dwelling for a 42-month period. If you choose to rent a replacement dwelling and the cost of rent and utilities are higher than you were paying, you may be eligible for a rental assistance payment. The Agency will determine the maximum payment you may be eligible to receive in accordance with established procedures.

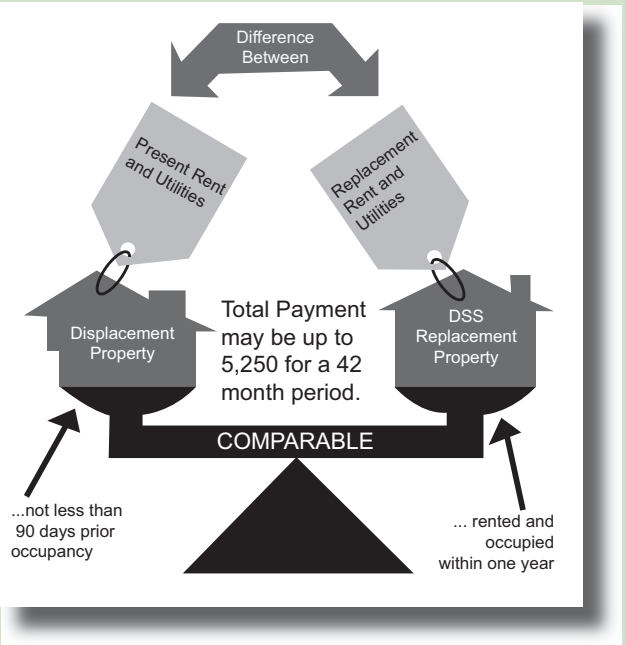
The rental assistance payment will be paid in a lump sum unless the Agency determines that the payment should be paid in installments. You must rent and occupy a DSS replacement dwelling within one year to be eligible.

Example

Assume you have been paying \$500 per month rent for the dwelling unit occupied by you and purchased by the Agency. You also pay \$150 per month for utilities (electricity, gas, other heating and cooking fuels, water, and sewer). The rental assistance payment computation always includes the cost of basic utilities (electricity, gas, other heating and cooking fuels, water, and sewer), as well as the cost of rent. If rent includes utilities, a separate computation is not necessary.

After a study of the rental market, the Agency determines that replacement rental unit, that is DSS and comparable to your unit, is available for \$600 per month. It is estimated that average monthly utility costs for the replacement unit will be \$175 per month. The maximum rental assistance payment you can receive is \$125 per month for a 42-month period, or a total of \$5,250.

Example A: If you select a DSS replacement dwelling unit that rents for \$650 per month plus \$175 for utilities, despite the availability of comparable DSS replacement rental units that rent for \$600 per month plus \$175 for utilities, you will receive the maximum amount computed by the Agency, or \$5,250. You will be required to pay the additional \$50 per month yourself.



Example B: If you select a DSS replacement dwelling unit that rents for more than your present unit, but less than amount determined by the Agency as necessary to rent a comparable unit, your payment will be based on actual cost. For example, assume you select a replacement dwelling unit that rents for \$575 per month plus \$165 for utilities. On the basis of actual cost, you will be eligible for a payment of \$90 per month for 42 months, or \$3,780.

Agency Computation of Maximum Rental Assistance Payment	Rent You are Currently Paying	\$500
	Plus Cost for Utilities You are Paying	<u>+150</u>
		\$650
	Rent for a Comparable DSS Dwelling	\$600
	Estimated Cost for Utilities	<u>+175</u>
		\$775
	Difference (\$775-650=\$125) x 42 months	\$5250
	Maximum Rental Assistance Payment	\$5250
Example A	Actual Rent for DSS Replacement Property	\$650
	Plus Estimated Cost for Utilities	<u>+175</u>
		\$825
	Difference (\$825-650=\$175) x 42 months	\$7350
	Rental Assistance Payment	\$5250
Example B	Actual Rent for DSS Replacement Property	\$575
	Plus Estimated Cost for Utilities	<u>+165</u>
		\$740
	Difference (\$740-650=\$90) x 42 months	\$3780
	Rental Assistance Payment	\$3780

REPLACEMENT HOUSING – DOWNPAYMENT

Owner Occupants of 90 to 179 Days and Tenants of 90 Days or More

Owner occupants of 90 to 179 days and tenants of 90 days or more may be eligible for a downpayment and incidental expenses. The Agency will determine the maximum downpayment you may be eligible to receive based on its computation for a rental assistance payment. However, the payment for a displaced owner occupant shall not exceed the amount that would have been received by a 180-day owner for the same property.

To be eligible for the full amount of the downpayment assistance payment, the entire payment must be used to purchase a DSS replacement dwelling. The payment may be utilized for a downpayment toward the purchase price and/or eligible incidental expenses. Incidental expenses include the reasonable costs of title search, recording fees, and certain other closing costs but do not include prepaid expenses such as real estate taxes and property insurance. You may be eligible for the reimbursement of loan origination or loan assumption fees if such fees are normal to real estate transactions in your area and do not represent prepaid interest. The combined amount of the downpayment and incidental expenses cannot exceed the amount the Agency computed as your maximum rental assistance payment.

The relocation counselor will explain how the Agency determines the maximum downpayment assistance payment.

DSS REMINDER

It is very important to remember that the replacement dwelling you select must meet the basic DSS standard. Do not execute a sales contract or a lease agreement until a representative from the Agency has inspected and certified in writing that the dwelling you propose to purchase or rent meets the DSS standard. Please do not jeopardize your right to receive a replacement housing payment by moving into a substandard dwelling.

FAIR HOUSING LAWS

Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 set forth the policy of the United States to provide, within constitutional limitations, for fair housing throughout the United States. These Acts and Executive Order 11063 make discriminatory practices in the purchase and rental of residential units illegal if based on race, color, religion, sex, or national origin.

Whenever possible, a minority person shall be given reasonable opportunity to relocate to a DSS replacement dwelling which is not located in an area of minority concentration, that is within their financial means. This policy does not require an Agency to provide a displaced person with a larger payment than is necessary to enable the person to relocate to a comparable replacement dwelling.

**SECTION 3 – BUSINESS, FARM, AND NONPROFIT
ORGANIZATIONS**

MOVING COST REIMBURSEMENT

Owners or tenants may be paid on the basis of actual, reasonable moving costs and related expenses or, under certain circumstances, a fixed payment. Actual, reasonable moving expenses may be paid when the move is performed by a professional mover or if you move yourself. Related expenses, such as personal property losses, expenses in finding a replacement site, and reestablishment expenses may also be reimbursable.

You must provide the Agency with an inventory of the personal property to be moved and advance notice of the approximate date of the move, unless the Agency specifically tells you these notices are not necessary.

The Agency has the right to inspect the personal property at the displacement and replacement sites, and to monitor the move.

Actual Cost Move

You may be paid the actual, reasonable and necessary cost of your move when the move is performed by a professional mover or when you elect to move yourself, however, all your moving costs must be supported by paid receipts or other evidence of expenses incurred. In addition to the transportation costs of your personal property, certain other expenses may be reimbursable, such as packing, crating, unpacking and uncrating, and the disconnecting, dismantling, removing, reassembling, and reinstalling relocated machinery, equipment and other personal property.

Other expenses such as professional services necessary for planning and carrying out the move, temporary storage costs, and the cost of licenses, permits and certifications may also be reimbursable. This is not an inclusive list of moving related expenses. Your relocation counselor will provide you with a complete explanation of reimbursable expenses.

Estimated Cost Move

If you agree to take full responsibility for all or part of the move of your operation, the Agency may approve a payment not to exceed the lower of two acceptable bids or estimates obtained by the Agency from qualified moving firms, moving consultants, or a qualified Agency staff employee. A low cost or uncomplicated move may be based on a single bid or estimate at the Agency’s discretion. The advantage of this moving option is that it relieves you from documenting all moving expenses because the payment is limited to the amount of the lowest acceptable bid or estimate. The Agency may make the payment without additional documentation.

Direct Loss of Tangible Personal Property

Displaced businesses, farms, and nonprofit organizations may be eligible for a payment for the actual direct loss of tangible personal property which is incurred as a result of the move or discontinuance of the operation. This payment is based on the lesser of the value of the item for continued use at the displacement site less the proceeds from its sale, or the estimated cost of moving the item. Your relocation counselor will explain this procedure in detail if this is a consideration for you.

Low Value High Bulk Property

If an Agency considers a personal property item to be of low value and high bulk, and moving costs are disproportionate to its value (such as minerals, metals, rock, or topsoil), the allowable moving cost payment shall not exceed the lesser of the amount which would be received if the property were sold at the site, or, the replacement cost of a comparable quantity delivered to the new business location.

Searching Expenses for Replacement Property

Displaced businesses, farms, and nonprofit organizations are entitled to reimbursement for actual, reasonable expenses incurred in searching for a replacement property, not to exceed \$2,500. Expenses may include transportation, meals, and lodging when away from home; the reasonable value of the time spent during the search; and other expenses determined to be reasonable and necessary by the Agency.

Fees paid to real estate agents or brokers to locate a replacement site may be reimbursed, exclusive of any commissions or fees related to the purchase of the site. Commissions and fees related to the purchase of a replacement site are not eligible relocation expenses and will not be reimbursed.

RELATED ELIGIBLE EXPENSES

In addition to the moving expenses listed above, costs for these items may be reimbursed if the Agency determines they are actual, reasonable, and necessary:

- Connection to available nearby utilities from the right-of-way to improvements at the replacement site.
- Professional services to determine a sites' suitability for the displaced person's operation.
- Impact fees or one time assessments for heavy utility usage as determined necessary by the Agency.

Please discuss this with your relocation counselor before incurring these costs to assure that they are reimbursable.

REESTABLISHMENT EXPENSES

A small business, farm, or nonprofit organization may be eligible for a payment, not to exceed \$10,000, for expenses actually incurred in relocating and reestablishing the enterprise at a replacement site. To qualify, the business, farm, or nonprofit organization must have not more than 500 employees working at the site who will be displaced by a program or project.

Reestablishment expenses may include, but are not limited to:

- Repairs or improvements to the replacement real property required by Federal, State, and local laws, codes or ordinances.

- Modifications to the replacement real property to make the structure(s) suitable for the operation.
- Construction and installation costs of exterior advertising signs.
- Redecoration or replacement such as painting, wallpapering, paneling, and carpeting when required by the condition of the replacement site.
- Advertising the replacement location.
- Estimated increased costs of operation at the replacement site during the first two years for items such as: lease or rental charges; personal or real property taxes; insurance premiums; utility charges (excluding impact fees).
- Other items that the Agency considers essential for reestablishment.



FIXED PAYMENT FOR ACTUAL MOVING EXPENSES (IN LIEU PAYMENT)

Displaced businesses, farms, and nonprofit organizations may be eligible for a fixed payment in lieu of (in place of) actual moving expenses, personal property losses, searching expense, and reestablishment expenses. The fixed payment may not be less than \$1,000 nor more than \$20,000.

For a business to be eligible for a fixed payment, the Agency must determine the following:

- Business owns or rents personal property that must be moved due to the displacement.
- Business cannot be relocated without a substantial loss of its existing patronage.
- Business is not part of a commercial enterprise having more than three other businesses engaged in the same or similar activity which are under the same ownership and are not being displaced by the Agency.
- Business contributed materially to the income of the displaced business operator during the two taxable years prior to displacement.

Any business operation that is engaged solely in the rental of space to others is not eligible for a fixed payment. This includes the rental of space for residential or business purposes. Eligibility requirements for farms and nonprofit organizations are slightly different than business requirements. The computation for nonprofit organizations differs in that the payment is

computed on the basis of average annual gross revenues less administrative expenses for the two year period specified. If you are interested in a fixed payment, please consult your relocation counselor for additional information.

Computation of Your Fixed Payment

The fixed payment for a displaced business or farm is based upon the average annual net earnings of the operation for the two taxable years immediately preceding the taxable year in which it was displaced, or a two-year period deemed more representative by the Agency. You must provide the Agency with proof of net earnings to support your claim. Proof of net earnings can be documented by income tax returns, certified financial statements, or other reasonable evidence acceptable to the Agency.

Fixed Payment Example

2003	2004	2005
Annual Net Earnings \$16,500	Annual Net Earnings \$18,500	Year Displaced
Average annual net earnings $\$16,500 + \$18,500 = \$35,000 / 2 = \$17,500$ Fixed Payment = \$17,500		

PROJECT OFFICE

The Agency may establish a relocation office near the project. Project relocation offices are usually open during hours convenient to persons being displaced, including evening hours when necessary. If the Agency opens a project office, the staff will be happy to assist you, answer questions, and will maintain various types of information.

RELOCATION PAYMENTS ARE NOT CONSIDERED TO BE INCOME

No relocation payment received will be considered as income for the purpose of the Internal Revenue Code. No relocation payment received will be considered income for the purposes of determining eligibility or the extent of eligibility of any person for assistance under the Social Security Act or any other Federal law (except for any Federal law providing low-income housing assistance).

RIGHT TO APPEAL

Any aggrieved person may file a written appeal with the head of the Agency if the person believes the Agency has failed to properly determine his or her eligibility for relocation assistance advisory services, or the amount of a relocation payment.

If you have a grievance, you will be given a prompt and full opportunity to be heard. You will also have the right to be represented by legal counsel or other representative in connection with the appeal, but solely at your own expense.

The Agency will promptly review your appeal and consider all pertinent justification and information available to ensure a fair and full review. The Agency will provide you with a written determination as well as an explanation of the decision. If you are still dissatisfied with the relief granted, the Agency will advise you of your right to seek judicial review of the Agency decision.

An alien not lawfully present in the United States shall not be eligible to receive relocation payments or any other assistance provided under 49 CFR Part 24.

This brochure is provided to assist you in understanding your rights and benefits. If you have questions regarding your relocation please contact your sponsoring Agency representative.

Additional information on Federal relocation and acquisition requirements, the law, and the regulation can be found at www.fhwa.dot.gov/realestate

NOTES

Appendix M: Comment Forms

Draft Environmental Impact Statement

COMMENT FORM

Thank you for participating in the South Mountain Freeway Draft Environmental Impact Statement public comment process.

ADOT encourages all interested parties to submit written comments on any aspect of the Draft EIS. ADOT will consider all comments in preparing the Final EIS, which will include responses to all comments, final conclusions on potential impacts, and ADOT's final recommendation.

When submitting comments, please be as specific as possible and substantiate your concerns and recommendations.

Comments must be received or postmarked by July 24, 2013. _____

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Name _____ Email _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Fax _____

Comments must be received or postmarked by July 24, 2013. Comments can be deposited at today's meeting, emailed to: projects@azdot.gov or mailed to: ADOT Loop 202 South Mountain Freeway Study, 1655 W. Jackson Street, MD 126F, Phoenix, AZ 85007

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APPENDIX 6-5

OUTREACH TO GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY MEMBERS FOR THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

Appendix 6-5, *Outreach to Gila River Indian Community Members for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement*, contains documentation of the public outreach to the Gila River Indian Community and its members surrounding the release of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

Spargo, Benjamin

From: Zuzette Kisto <Zuzette.Kisto@gric.nsn.us>
Sent: Monday, June 23, 2014 11:46 AM
To: Brock Barnhart
Subject: RE: South Mountain Freeway Coordination

Hello Brock,
I received your telephone message. I am in a meeting right now. I was going to call you back as soon as I'm done. Yes that is the formal protocol.

Respectfully,
Zuzette Kisto | Director
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From: Brock Barnhart [<mailto:BBarnhart@azdot.gov>]
Sent: Monday, June 23, 2014 11:43 AM
To: Zuzette Kisto
Subject: South Mountain Freeway Coordination

Hello Zuzette-

We are beginning to plan our communication efforts for the release of the Final Environmental Impact Statement and I would like to make sure that we are following our previously agreed upon protocol (Government – Government) for releasing information to the community.

- At the April 30, 2013 TTT meeting ADOT was asked to provide you with the materials for the South Mountain Freeway and you would disseminate throughout the community. You had provided us a summary of where that information went, who had access to it and where the DEIS was available for public review. Is this still the directive of the community, to have information flow through you as the PIO to the community members?

Thank you,
Brock

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From: Brock Barnhart <BBarnhart@azdot.gov>
Sent: Thursday, August 29, 2013 2:11 PM
To: Zuzette Kisto; Felicia Beltran
Cc: Jennifer Grentz
Subject: RE: South Mountain DEIS Public Involvement Campaign Questions

Zuzette—thanks so much for this information.

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To: Felicia Beltran
Cc: Jennifer Grentz; Brock Barnhart
Subject: FW: South Mountain DEIS Public Involvement Campaign Questions

Hello All,
Oops, sorry I forgot the GRIN attachments.

Respectfully,
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From: Zuzette Kisto
Sent: Thursday, August 29, 2013 2:06 PM
To: 'Felicia Beltran'
Cc: Jennifer Grentz; 'Brock Barnhart'
Subject: RE: South Mountain DEIS Public Involvement Campaign Questions

Hello Felicia,

- Was there public access in the Community to review the DEIS, besides online, e.g. repository locations, such as Tribal Departments or libraries?
- Yes, additional hard copies were made available at the following location: District 1- 7 Service Center, Ira H. Hayes Memorial Library, All elder meetings, Urban Members Association meeting, as well as the CPAO.

Was there an ad placed in the GRIN? Do you have a copy of the tear sheet to send to us, with the date(s) of publication?

Attached are tear sheets from the GRIN.

- How were the factsheets and or CDs we provided distributed, and at what locations?
- All meeting attendee’s at the following locations were provided factsheets, District 1- 7 Service Center, Ira H. Hayes Memorial Library, All elder meetings, Urban Members Association meeting, as well as the CPAO.

Respectfully,
Zuzette Kisto | Director
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From: Felicia Beltran [mailto:FBeltran@azdot.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, August 21, 2013 10:53 AM
To: Zuzette Kisto
Cc: Jennifer Grentz
Subject: South Mountain DEIS Public Involvement Campaign Questions

Hello Zuzette:

We are compiling our outreach summary of efforts and have some questions specific to GRIC outreach efforts. At the April 30 Transportation Technical Team (TTT) meeting where you and David were in attendance as well as Governor and Lieutenant Governor, Brock our Communications Assistant Director discussed best outreach methods with you and the reporter with the GRIN.

Could you please provide information regarding the following:

Please also let us know if you led any other outreach efforts within the Community for this project.

Thank you,
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GRIC PI Documentation

1. History of communication with GRIC

The communication protocol established for this study, from years of previous coordination and with respect for the Community’s cultural norms, was conducted in a “government-to-government” nature (i.e., the ADOT Project Manager would speak directly to the GRIC Community Manager; the ADOT Communications Director would speak directly to the GRIC PIO). Coordination occurred one-on-one with the appropriate GRIC official.

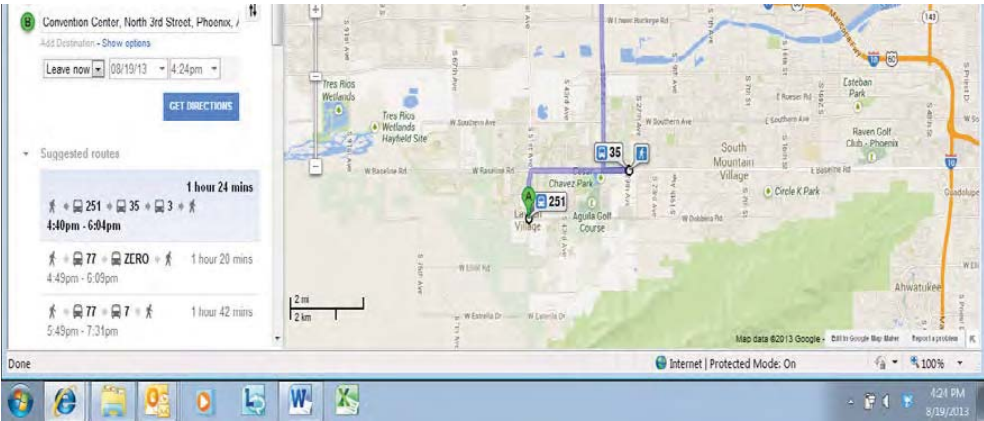
2. Shuttle travel times

ROUTE 1 – to Convention Center			ROUTE 1 – from Convention Center		
9:30 am / 12:30 pm / 4:30 pm	9:35 am / 12:35 pm / 4:35 pm	9:45 am / 12:45 pm / 4:45 pm	12:15 pm / 4:15 pm / 7:30 pm	12:25 pm / 4:25 pm / 7:40 pm	12:30 pm / 4:30 pm / 7:45 pm
Depart 91 st Avenue/Van Buren (bus pullout on 91 st Avenue just north of Van Buren)	Depart 59 th Avenue/I-10 (SE corner, Liberty Fuel parking lot)	Arrive Phoenix Convention Center	Depart Phoenix Convention Center	Arrive 59 th Avenue/I-10 (SE corner, Liberty Fuel parking lot)	Arrive 91 st Avenue/Van Buren (bus pullout on 91 st Avenue just north of Van Buren)
ROUTE 2 – to Convention Center			ROUTE 2 – from Convention Center		
9:30 am / 12:30 pm / 4:30 pm	9:40 am / 12:40 pm / 4:40 pm	9:58 am / 12:58 pm / 4:58 pm	12:00 noon / 4:00 pm / 7:30 pm	12:18 pm / 4:18 pm / 7:48 pm	12:28 pm / 4:28 pm / 7:58 pm
Depart Komatke Boys & Girls Club, 5047 W. Pecos Rd., Laveen	Depart Southern Ridge Golf Club (57 th Avenue and Baseline), 5740 W. Baseline Rd., Phoenix	Arrive Phoenix Convention Center	Phoenix Convention Center	Southern Ridge Golf Club (57 th Avenue and Baseline), 5740 W. Baseline Rd., Phoenix	Komatke Boys & Girls Club, 5047 W. Pecos Rd., Laveen
ROUTE 3 – to Convention Center			ROUTE 3 – from Convention Center		
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4. Map of existing public transportation routes to/from public hearing and community forums and Laveen and GRIC

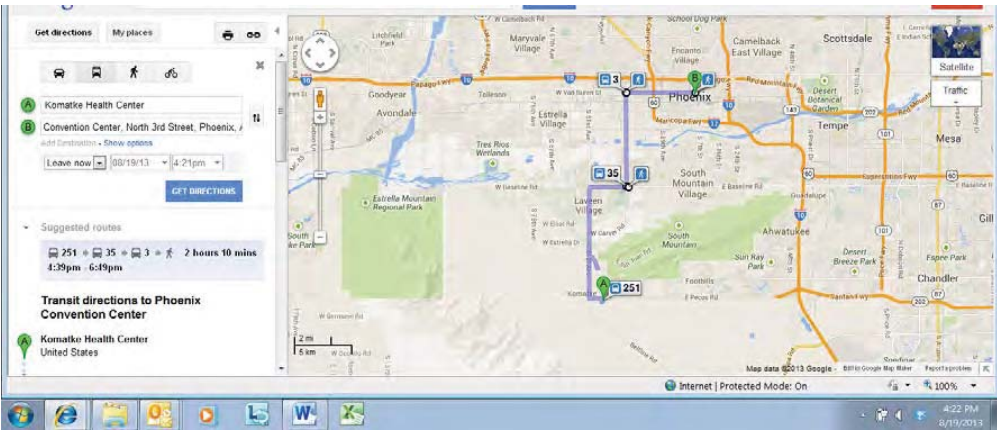
Public Transportation to/from Laveen/Phoenix Convention Center:

- From Laveen Village (51st Avenue/Dobbins)

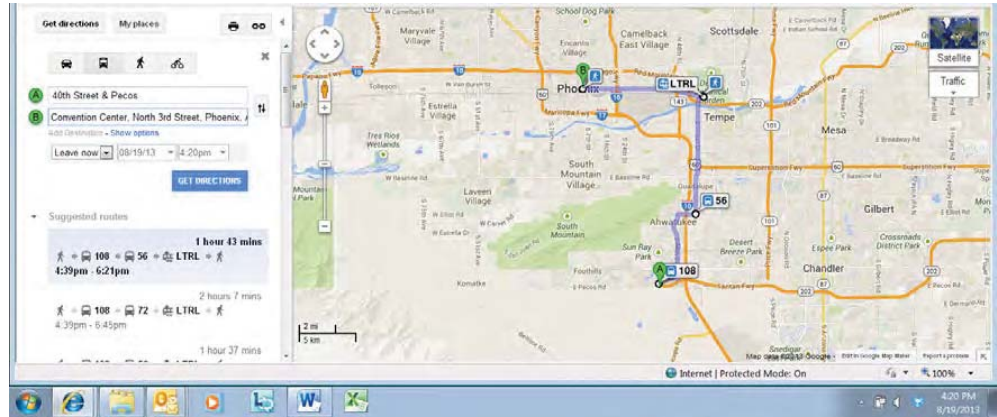


Public Transportation to/from GRIC/Phoenix Convention Center:

- From Komatke Health Center:



- From 40th Street/Pecos Park and Ride:



5. Awareness campaign communication and advertisement:

a) How was the campaign communicated?

There was no advertising or specific notification of the awareness campaign events themselves; the awareness campaign was designed to be “advertising” and education for how to participate in the DEIS review and comment process.

b) Where was the information available?

Information was available via Press releases, e-newsletters¹; information events; newspaper ads; local publications; radio; social media (approximately 5 Facebook postings, 12 Tweets, and 3 blog entries); media alerts resulting in TV and print coverage; direct mail; website updates; telephone hotline; elected official briefings; and presentations at community events.

c) Was the How to Participate video given to GRIC PIO or other GRIC rep?

The video was provided to GRIC at the April 30, 2013 TTT meeting, via CDs.

FHWA follow up questions:

Was the video just played at the TTT or was a copy given to anyone?

The video was not played due to technical difficulties at the meeting facility. A CD with the video was given to GRIC Communications Director, Zuzette Kisto.

Who attended the TTT meeting that day?

Attendees include Matt Burdick and Brock Barnhart from ADOT Communications, Nathan Pryor and Bob Hazlett from MAG, and representatives from the Gila River Indian Community included Governor Gregory Mendoza, Lt. Governor Stephen Roe Lewis, Community Manager David White, GRIC Communications Director Zuzette Kisto, GRIC DOT staff and several tribal members interested in the project.

Was the GRIC PIO present at the TTT or provided the video?

The GRIC PIO, Zuzette Kisto, was at the TTT meeting and was given the video on CD.

d) Was awareness campaign offered to GRIC?

Public outreach opportunities were offered to David White starting in 2012. The August 10, 2012 Public Involvement Team Meeting Summary (Attachment 1) includes an update from Chaun Hill, ADOT Project Manager, regarding recent conversations ADOT and MAG had with David White, GRIC Community Manager. The meeting notes summarize that ADOT offered to hold outreach activities on the GRIC prior to the release of the Draft EIS and during the 90-day public comment. D. White indicated he would coordinate with GRIC tribal leadership regarding any public outreach activities on the Community, and would continue to communicate with ADOT and MAG Management regarding the Community’s desires. Potential locations for events were also discussed.

In late 2012, a follow-up conversation with ADOT (Chaun Hill, Brent Cain), MAG (Bob Hazlett, Nathan Pryor,) and GRIC (David White) occurred which entailed a detailed description of the public involvement process including the public hearing to be held at the convention center downtown and the additional public forums envisioned to be held at different locations throughout the valley. Along with this description, an offer was extended to hold one or more of the forums on the Community if the GRIC so desired. David White seemed to understand the concept of the forums and embrace the possibility of hosting one on the Community. David White said he would let Chaun Hill and the South Mountain Team know if the GRIC wanted to have a forum on

¹ ADOT produced and distributed four study-related e-newsletters to over 15,000 subscribers (see response to Question 5).

the Community. There was some additional explanation about providing the forums in a uniform manner at every location.

FHWA follow up question: we need any documentation related to the GRIC request for a Community Forum.

While conversations with David White regarding offers to host a public outreach event on the GRIC begin in summer 2012, the GRIC first officially responded to this offer at the April 30, 2013 TTT meeting. During this meeting, David White, GRIC Community Manager, requested a Community Forum be conducted on the Community following the public hearing. This was the only request ADOT received from David White regarding whether ADOT could hold a public outreach event during the public comment period. ADOT agreed to do so, and a Community Forum was held on June 22, 2013 at the Komatke Boys and Girls Club on the Gila River Indian Community.

6. Fact Sheet and How to Participate handout sent to GRIC? When? To whom?

Brock Barnhart emailed both the Fact Sheet (Attachment 2) and the How to Participate handout (Attachment 3) to Zuzette Kisto (GRIC PIO) on 5/1/13 at 12:01 PM. Copies of the fact sheet and handout were distributed and made available at this meeting.

ADOT also met with the GRIC TTT on April 30, 2013 to present DEIS participation methods and PI approach.

FHWA follow up question: what does “present DEIS participation methods and PI approach” mean?

ADOT provided attendees with the fact sheet and how to participate handouts that were used during the public comment period to describe the project and how to participate in the public involvement process. At the TTT meeting, ADOT reviewed the materials regarding the project, the public comment period, the public hearing and the various ways for the public to submit comments regarding the South Mountain Freeway DEIS. ADOT delivered hard copies of both handouts to Zuzette Kisto for distribution and display at the GRIC Governance Center and GRIC tribal government service centers used by tribal members. These two handouts were also provided in an Adobe PDF format to Zuzette Kisto for publication in the Gila River Indian Community newspaper and on the GRIC web site.

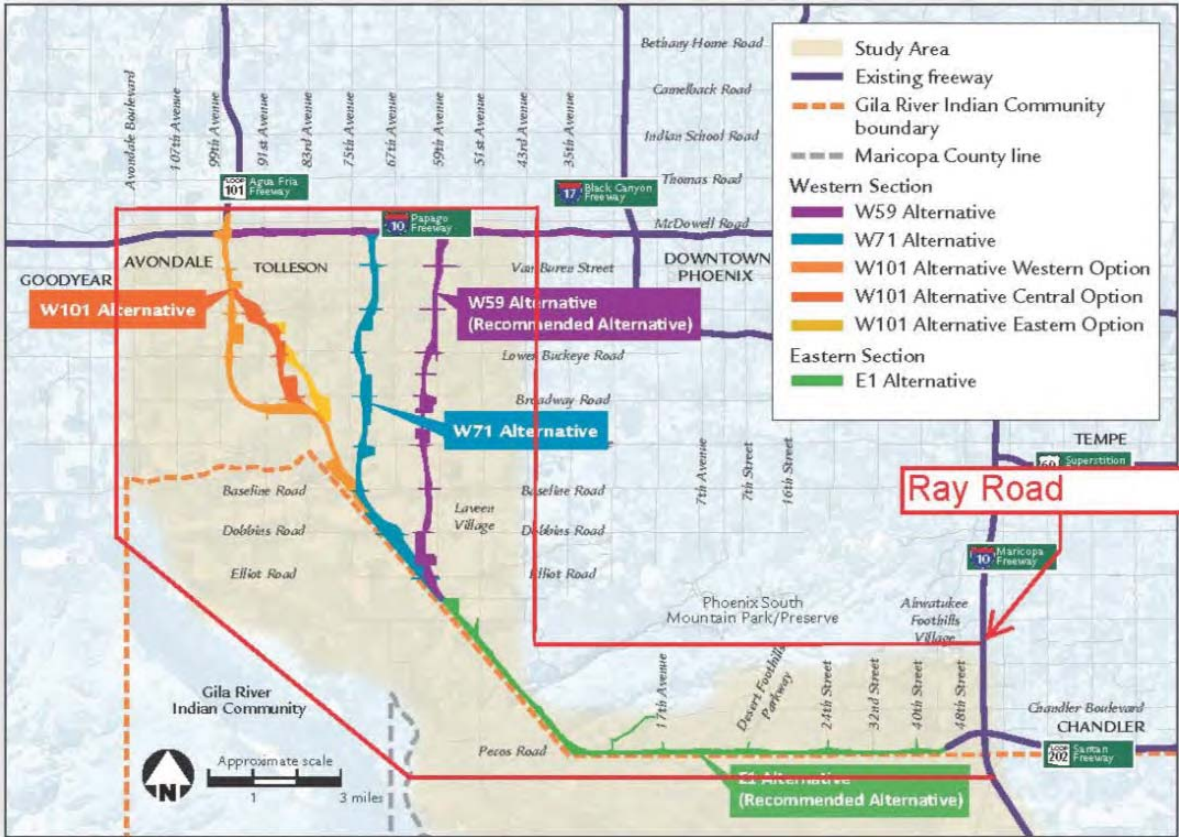
In response to ADOT requests, the GRIC PIO provided additional information via email to ADOT on August 29, 2013 as follows: “All meeting attendee’s at the following locations were provided factsheets, District 1- 7 Service Center, Ira H. Hayes Memorial Library, All elder meetings, Urban Members Association meeting, as well as the CPAO [Communication & Public Affairs Office].”

7. How were details on the shuttle bus, validated parking and transit vouchers provided to the public? What was the verbiage?

- Fact Sheet (Attachment 2)
 - Verbiage in public hearing callout box:
 - “Validated parking and transit vouchers will be provided.”
 - Distribution:
 - Awareness Campaign display tables
 - Ironwood Library - 4333 East Chandler Boulevard Phoenix, AZ 85048
 - Keep Phoenix Beautiful Downtown Phoenix - Cesar Chavez Plaza
 - South Mountain Community Center - 212 E. Alta Vista Road Phoenix
 - ADOT: Motor Vehicle Department - 221 East Olympic Drive Phoenix
 - Website

- How to Participate handout ([Attachment 3](#))
 - Verbiage in public hearing and parking callout box:
 - “Validated parking and transit vouchers will be provided.”
 - “Free Shuttle Bus Information - ADOT is offering FREE shuttle bus service to and from the Public Hearing at the Phoenix Convention Center from six valley locations. Service will be provided throughout the day on May 21, 2013. For more information, please call 602.712.7006”
 - Distribution:
 - Awareness Campaign display tables
 - Ironwood Library-4333 East Chandler Boulevard Phoenix, AZ 85048
 - Keep Phoenix Beautiful Downtown Phoenix -Cesar Chavez Plaza
 - South Mountain Community Center-212 E. Alta Vista Road Phoenix
 - ADOT: Motor Vehicle Department-221 East Olympic Drive Phoenix
 - Website
 - E-newsletters²
 - Mailer ([Attachment 4](#)) – sent to 311 addresses on the GRIC ([Attachment 5](#))
 - Verbiage in public hearing callout box on outside of mailer:
 - “Validated parking and transit vouchers will be provided.”
 - “Free Shuttle Bus Information - ADOT is offering FREE shuttle bus service to and from the Public Hearing. For more information, see inside of this mailer or call 602.712.7006”
- FHWA follow up question: was the mailer given to the GRIC PIO? When?**
- A separate hard copy of the mailer was mailed to Zuzette Kisto (GRIC PIO) on May 10, 2013.
- Verbiage inside mailer:
 - “Need a ride to the public hearing? ADOT is offering FREE shuttle bus service to and from the Public Hearing at the Phoenix Convention Center from six Valley locations. Service will be provided several times throughout the day on May 21, 2013 (see the table below for times). For more information, please call 602.712.7006.”
 - Map of the shuttle stop locations and a schedule table were also included.
 - Distribution: 73,564 addresses in Study Area (map on next page indicates distribution area outlined in red). Approximately 311 of those addresses were on the GRIC.
- Video – “Parking is free” referenced during discussion of public hearing in *How to Participate* video (at 4:16 in the video).
 - Newspaper Ads –all of the newspaper ads included the shuttle map showing pick-up and drop-off locations (see [Attachment 6](#) for a sample of the ad) and providing a phone number to call for more details. Due to space limitations, the actual schedule was not printed in the ads, but was printed in the mailer ([Attachment 4](#)). Run dates for ads that included the shuttle map were:
 - Arizona Republic: 4/26, 5/19
 - La Voz: 4/26, 5/17
 - Ahwatukee Foothills News: 4/26, 5/17
 - East Valley Tribune: 4/28, 5/19
 - West Valley View: 4/26, 5/17
 - Arizona Informant: 5/1, 5/15

² Ibid.



Distribution Map - Mailer

FHWA follow up question: was the ad given to the GRIC PIO? When?

Yes, ad text regarding the project, the public comment period, the public hearing and the various ways for the public to submit comments regarding the South Mountain Freeway DEIS was given to the GRIC PIO, Zuzette Kisto, at the TTT meeting on April 30, 2013. The GRIC Communication & Public Affairs Office took the lead placing any advertising related to the Public Hearing. Two ads regarding the public hearing, information regarding the location and availability of the Draft EIS, and a map of the alternatives was placed in the May 2013 monthly issue of the GRIN.

Can we buy ad space directly from the GRIN?

Per the determination by the GRIC Communication & Public Affairs Office to lead the On-Community advertising and communication efforts, ad space was not purchased by the ADOT team. The GRIN is a free monthly publication that includes the following ad rates:

Description	Measurement	Rate
Full Back Page	10" wide x 16" height	\$600
Full Page	10" wide x 16" height	\$400
Half-Page	10" wide x 8" height	\$235
One-Fourth Page	4.875" wide x 8" height	\$175
Business Card Size	4.85" wide x 2.75 height	\$50

Did the e-newsletter go to the GRIC or GRIC PIO? When?

ADOT Community Relations distributed electronic notices (e-newsletters) thru the Gov. Delivery system to over 12,000 constituents who voluntarily sign up for project alerts along the I-10 Papago, Maricopa and Santan Freeways. The content of these electronic notices was essentially the same as the press releases. Specific subscribers on the Gov. Delivery system are unable to be verified.

- E-newsletters: Study-related ADOT e-newsletters were distributed on 4/26/13 (availability of DEIS); 5/10/13 (public hearing); 5/29/13 (community forums) and one in June (close of comment period).
- Website updates on 4/22/13 (free parking, transit passes) and 5/7/13 (free parking, transit passes, shuttle bus map and schedule)

8. Hotline

a) Capacity?

Initial hotline capacity was 20 messages; it was expanded to 80 on 5/17/13.

FHWA follow up question: was there an indicator if it was full?

HDR was informed by ADOT that the hotline was full on 5/15/13. The hotline was checked seven times and 101 messages were retrieved on 5/15/13. ADOT changed the capacity from 20 to 80 messages two days later on 5/17/13.

b) Time limit?

The time limit for any one message was 5 minutes.

c) Who checked it?

Michael Book, Deb McCamon, and Lisa Scott with HDR checked the hotline. The retrieval log for the hotline is included as Attachment 7.

d) How often?

This numbered varied depending on need – see “Times per Day/Messages Checked” column in attached spreadsheet.

FHWA follow up question: How many messages were there when we checked?


The number of calls varied each day during the 90-day comment period. For additional clarification, please see Attachment 7.

e) How were shuttle bus/transportation questions handled?

Any questions that came in regarding how to participate, including any shuttle bus or transportation questions, were forwarded to Michael Book (HDR) to address. The conversation record log sheets are included as Attachment 8.

FHWA follow up question: sent people to website for shuttle bus info, what shuttle information was on the website at that time?


Starting on May 7, 2013, the study website posted the following shuttle bus schedule and pick-up location information.



Free Shuttle Bus Service to the Public Hearing

Need a ride to the public hearing? ADOT is offering FREE shuttle bus service to and from the Public Hearing at the Phoenix Convention Center from six Valley locations. Service will be provided several times throughout the day on May 21, 2013 (see the table below for times).

For more information, please call 602.712.7006.



ROUTE	PICK UP AND DROP OFF LOCATIONS	DEPARTURE TIMES	DEPARTURE TIMES FROM CONVENTION CENTER	ARRIVAL TIMES
1	91st Ave. and Van Buren (bus pullout on northeast corner)	9:30 12:30 4:30	12:15 4:15 7:30	12:30 4:30 7:45
	59th Ave. and I-10 (southeast corner, Liberty Fuel parking lot)	9:35 12:35 4:35		12:25 4:25 7:40
2	Komatke Boys and Girls Club, 5047 W. Pecos Rd.	9:30 12:30 4:30	12:00 4:00 7:30	12:28 4:28 7:58
	Southern Ridge Golf Club, 5740 W. Baseline Rd.	9:40 12:40 4:40		12:18 4:18 7:48
3	Governance Center, 525 W. Gu u Ki, Sacaton	9:30 12:30 4:30	11:45 3:45 7:30	12:28 4:28 8:13
	40th St. and Pecos Rd. Park-and-Ride	9:55 12:55 4:55		12:03 4:03 7:48

bold indicates a.m. times

From April 23 to May 7, the following text regarding the shuttle buses was available on the study website:

“Free shuttle bus service to the public hearing

ADOT is offering FREE shuttle bus service to and from the Public Hearing at the Phoenix Convention Center from **six** Valley locations:

- Tolleson
- Estrella Village
- Laveen Village
- Gila Indian River Community (2 locations)
- Ahwatukee Village

Service will be provided throughout the day on May 21, 2013. **For more information, please call 602.712.7006.”**

f) Did anyone call the ADA line instead? If so, how were those calls handled?

The ADA phone line (which is also ADOT’s general line) received 17 calls regarding the public comment process during the 90-day comment period (see log, Attachment 9). This line was checked daily, Monday through Friday.

g) What did the message(s) say (scripts)?

From April 26 until noon on Monday, May 20
Thank you for calling the hotline for the Loop 202 South Mountain Freeway Study. [In Spanish: *Please hold for additional information in Spanish*]. The Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the study was released on April 26, 2013, starting a 90-day public review and comment period. A public hearing for the Draft EIS is

scheduled for Tuesday, May 21, 2013, from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., at the Phoenix Convention Center, North Ballroom.

If you would like to pre-register to provide a formal 3-minute verbal comment at the public hearing, please leave a message including your name and phone number or e-mail. A list of all pre-registrants will be posted and updated on the study website at azdot.gov/southmountainfreeway.

Comments on the Draft EIS can also be provided here as a message. If you do leave a message about the Draft EIS, it will be incorporated and addressed in the Final EIS document.

For more information on shuttle bus service to the public hearing, please leave a message or go to azdot.gov/southmountainfreeway.

Thank you.

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Thank you.]

After noon on Monday, May 20: Speaker Registration Closed

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Thank you.]

Tuesday, May 21: Post-Public Hearing

Thank you for calling the hotline for the Loop 202 South Mountain Freeway Study. [In Spanish: *Please hold for additional information in Spanish*]. The Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the study was released on April 26, 2013, starting a 90-day public review and comment period.

You can provide comments on the Draft EIS online at azdot.gov/southmountainfreeway, at an upcoming community forum as listed on the website, or leave your message here. All comments on the Draft EIS, including your message left on this phone line, will be incorporated and addressed in the Final EIS document.

Thank you.

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Thank you.]

Wednesday, June 12: Post-Community Forums

Thank you for calling the hotline for the Loop 202 South Mountain Freeway Study. [In Spanish: *Please hold for additional information in Spanish*]. The Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the study was released on April 26, 2013, starting a 90-day public review and comment period which ends on July 24th.

You can provide comments on the Draft EIS online at azdot.gov/southmountainfreeway or leave your comments as a message here. All comments on the Draft EIS, including your message left on this phone line, will be incorporated and addressed in the Final EIS document.

Thank you.

[In Spanish: *Thank you for calling the hotline for the Loop 202 South Mountain Freeway Study. The Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the study was released on April 26, 2013, starting a 90-day public review and comment period which ends on July 24th.*

You can provide comments on the Draft EIS online at azdot.gov/southmountainfreeway or leave your comments as a message here. All comments on the Draft EIS, including your message left on this phone line, will be incorporated and addressed in the Final EIS document.

Thank you.]

9. What participation methods were described in the *How to Participate* video?

Methods described:

- Website
- Mail
- Phone
- Email
- Public Hearing
- Online Public Hearing
- Community Forums

How to Participate video script included the following:

During the 90-day comment period, there will be several ways for you to submit your comments on the Draft EIS, including online ...by mail ...phone ...or email. You will also have several opportunities to talk with technical experts, learn about the proposed project, and provide your comments in-person at a public hearing, an online hearing, or at community forums. The public hearing will be held at the Phoenix Convention Center At the public hearing, you can watch a video about the South Mountain Freeway study ...talk to technical staff ...and review a wide variety of study materials. At the hearing you can submit comments in one of three ways:

- *In-person to a panel of study team members ...you'll be limited to three minutes.*
- *Verbally to a court reporter*
- *Or in writing on a comment form*

Afterwards, all the public hearing materials, including the study video, will be available on the study website. You can view the information and submit your comments online.

There will also be community forums held at various locations in the study area after the public hearing.

Technical staff will be at the forums to answer your questions, and project materials, including the video, will be available to view. A court reporter can take your individual verbal comments, or you can fill out a comment form, but no formal "hearing" will occur at these community forum meetings. Forum locations will be posted on the website, emailed to the e-newsletter subscribers, and published in the newspaper and local publications

To recap...you can learn more about the proposed South Mountain Freeway project and provide comments on the Draft EIS the following ways:

- *Attend the public hearing at the Phoenix Convention Center*
- *Go online at A-Z-D-O-T dot gov slash south mountain freeway*
- *Or attend a Community Forum*

Remember that comments can be submitted at any time during the 90-day comment period through mail... email or by phone.

After the comment period ends, ADOT will review and address comments in the Final EIS document. When the Final EIS is published, it will be made available for another public review and comment period which will last for 60 days.

Public input on the Loop 202 South Mountain Freeway study is an integral part of the process. ADOT looks forward to your participation and feedback.

10. Did we contact GRIC PI about conducting a GRIC awareness campaign event? If yes, result?

Chaun Hill and Bob Hazlett met with David White and discussed potentially holding PI activities on the GRIC. David White indicated he would coordinate with tribal leadership. No formal response was received from GRIC until TTT on 4/30/13, at which time GRIC requested a Community Forum be held on the GRIC.

11. Elected official and stakeholder briefings

a) Was a briefing packet sent to GRIC? b) When, to whom?

The GRIC Elected Official briefing was completed through the TTT meeting on April 30, 2013. In attendance at this meeting were GRIC management as well as the GRIC Lt. Governor and GRIC Governor. These individuals were given the same briefing packets containing all materials provided to other elected leaders when briefed in person. Briefing packets were developed including the study fact sheet, How to Participate handout, press releases, letter

from Governor Brewer, and a copy of the How to Participate video. In addition, a hard copy of the DEIS and approximately 10 CDs of the DEIS were provided to the GRIC at the TTT meeting on April 30, 2013.

12. Briefing with David White – do we have details of this discussion? Any special request or voicing concerns about PI for DEIS?

No special requests related to public involvement for the DEIS were received from David White. The only comments expressed by David White were related to Community members being able to make their comments in front of an audience. Chaun Hill, ADOT Project Manager, informed David that the location and opportunity to provide comments in front of an audience was being afforded to all at the Public Hearing held downtown.

13. DEIS availability

a) Copies given to GRIC reps? Who? How? When?

A CD of the DEIS was mailed on April 26, 2013 to each of the following GRIC representatives and SMCAT representatives from GRIC:

Steven	Johnson	Gila River Indian Community	Department of Transportation
Barnaby	Lewis	Gila River Indian Community	Tribal Historic Preservation Officer
Kyle	Woodson	Gila River Indian Community	Cultural Resources Management Program
Rudy	Mix	Gila River Indian Community	Environmental Quality
Errol	Blackwater	Gila River Indian Community	Land Use, Planning, and Zoning
David	White	Gila River Indian Community	Community Manager
LaQuinta	Allison	Gila River Indian Community	
Nathaniel	Percharo	Pecos Road/I-10 Landowners Association	

b) Copy available at a repository on GRIC? Where?

According to the GRIC PIO, hardcopies of the DEIS were made available at District 1- 7 Service Center, Ira H. Hayes Memorial Library, all elder meetings, Urban Members Association meeting, and the GRIC Communications and Public Affairs Office.

FHWA follow up question: did we ask GRIC for a repository location?

Yes, we coordinated with GRIC regarding the best place and means to get the information out and it was decided that the GRIC PIO would be the point of contact and would disseminate information to the Community. This included the availability and locations of the DEIS.

One DEIS hardcopy and 10 DEIS CDs were distributed at the TTT meeting on April 30, 2013. Hardcopies were also available for viewing at the Community Forum; approximately six copies of the DEIS were given to participants at the Komatke Community Forum. Other repositories included:

- Phoenix Public Library – Ironwood Branch, Ironwood Branch, 4333 E. Chandler Blvd., Phoenix
- Phoenix Public Library – Burton Barr Central Library, 1221 N. Central Ave., Phoenix
- Avondale Public Library – Sam Garcia Western Avenue, 495 E. Western Ave., Phoenix
- Tolleson Public Library – 9555 W. Van Buren St., Tolleson
- ADOT Environmental Planning Group - 1611 W. Jackson St., Phoenix (by appointment only)

Copies of all or part of the DEIS were available for purchase at:

- FedEx Office Print and Ship Center – 4940 E. Ray Road, Phoenix

14. Public hearing notification mailer

a) Sent to GRIC PIO? Community?

On May 6, 2013, 73,564 mailers were distributed to addresses within the study area (see the map in #5 above). Approximately 311 of those addresses are on the GRIC. A separate hard copy of the mailer was mailed to Zuzette Kisto (GRIC PIO) on May 10, 2013. The following GRIC elected officials were included in the May 6, 2013 mailing.

Gregory	Mendoza	Governor	Gila River Indian Community
Stephen Roe	Lewis	Lt. Governor	Gila River Indian Community
Barney	Enos, Jr.	Dist. 4 Council Member	Gila River Indian Community
Christopher	Mendoza	Dist. 4 Council Member	Gila River Indian Community
Jennifer	Allison	Dist. 4 Council Member	Gila River Indian Community
Monica	Antone	Dist. 4 Council Member	Gila River Indian Community
Albert	Pablo	Dist. 6 Council Member	Gila River Indian Community
Anthony	Villareal, Sr.	Dist. 6 Council Member	Gila River Indian Community
Terrance	Evans	Dist. 6 Council Member	Gila River Indian Community
Martha	Miller	Dist. 7 Council Member	Gila River Indian Community

15. Did GRIC PIO and/or GRIN receive media alerts and press releases? When?

(See ADOT Media Plan attached). GRIN was not on the media distribution list for ADOT’s press releases. GRIC PIO is not on the media distribution list for ADOT’s press releases. ADOT does not have any formal documentation of GRIN conversations regarding media alerts and/or press releases – they were all done via phone or in person. In response to ADOT requests regarding how GRIC used ADOT-provided information in GRIN, the GRIC PIO provided tear sheets from the May 2013 issue of GRIN (Attachment 10).

FHWA follow up question: why is GRIC PIO not on the media distribution list for press releases?

The ADOT Media Distribution List is intended to distribute news to earned media organizations. These earned media organizations are private companies that include newspaper, radio, and television organizations in Arizona. The Gila River Indian Community is a tribal nation and not a member of an earned media organization. Therefore, they are not on the media distribution list. Please note that there are a number of government jurisdictions and project stakeholders who are not on the media distribution list, e.g., the Maricopa Association of Governments and City of Phoenix. Finally, the public has the ability to opt in to receive email notification when ADOT updates its web site with new information. The South Mountain Freeway and ADOT news releases are two topics offered through this email subscription service offered at no cost to the public who elects to receive these notifications.

16. Newspaper display ads

a) Where were they published? When?

Newspaper display ads were published in the following publications on the dates listed and with the information indicated. The list below also includes a description of the online banner coverage provided by that publication.

<u>Arizona Republic</u>			
April 26 - Hearing			
May 19 - Hearing			
Mid April to May 21 - online banner (approx. 75,000 hits per month)			
<u>Arizona Republic</u> (community sections 5, 6/17, 10, 14)			
May 29 - Forums		June 19 - Forums	
June 12 - Forums		July 3 - Forums	

La Voz

April 26 - Hearing	June 7 - Forums
May 17 - Hearing	June 14 - Forums
May 24 - Forums	June 28 - Forums

Ahwatukee Foothills News

April 26 - Hearing	June 9 - Forums
May 17 - Hearing	June 16 - Forums
May 26 - Forums	June 30 - Forums
Mid April to May 21 - online banner (approx. 25,000 impressions)	

West Valley View

April 26 - Hearing	June 11 - Forums
May 17 - Hearing	June 18 - Forums
May 28 – Forums	July 2 - Forums
Mid April to May 21 - online banner (approx. 52,000 average monthly unique viewers)	

East Valley Tribune

April 28 - Hearing	June 12 - Forums
May 19 - Hearing	June 19 - Forums
May 29 - Forums	July 3 - Forums
Mid April to May 21 - online banner (approx. 50,000 impressions)	

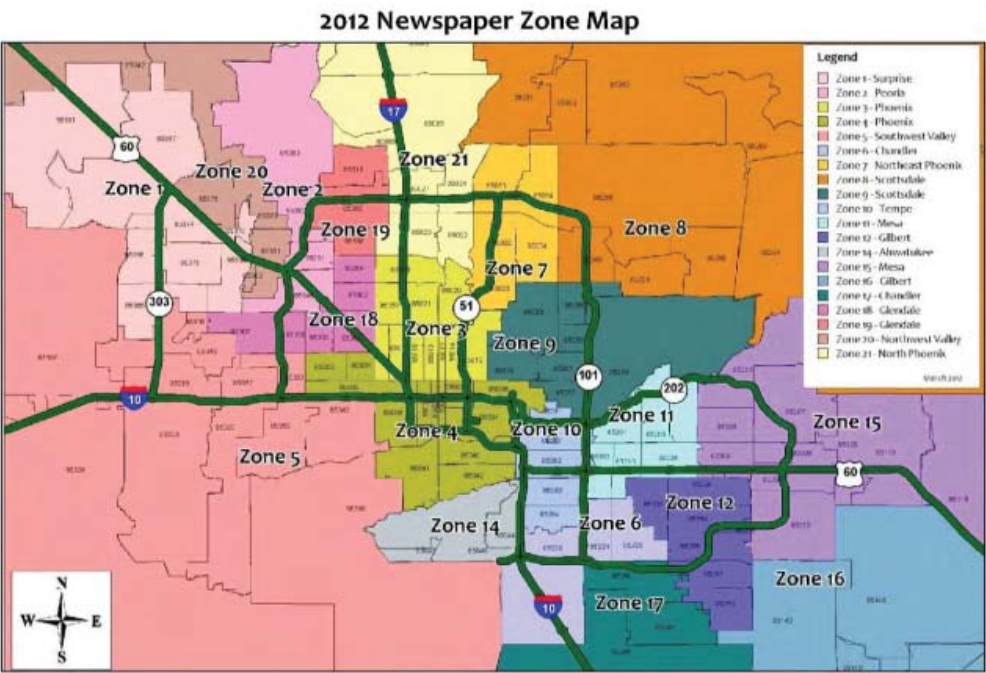
Arizona Informant

May 1 - Hearing	June 12 - Forums
May 15 – Hearing	June 19 - Forums
June 4 – Forums*	July 3 - Forums
* (online banner for several days prior)	

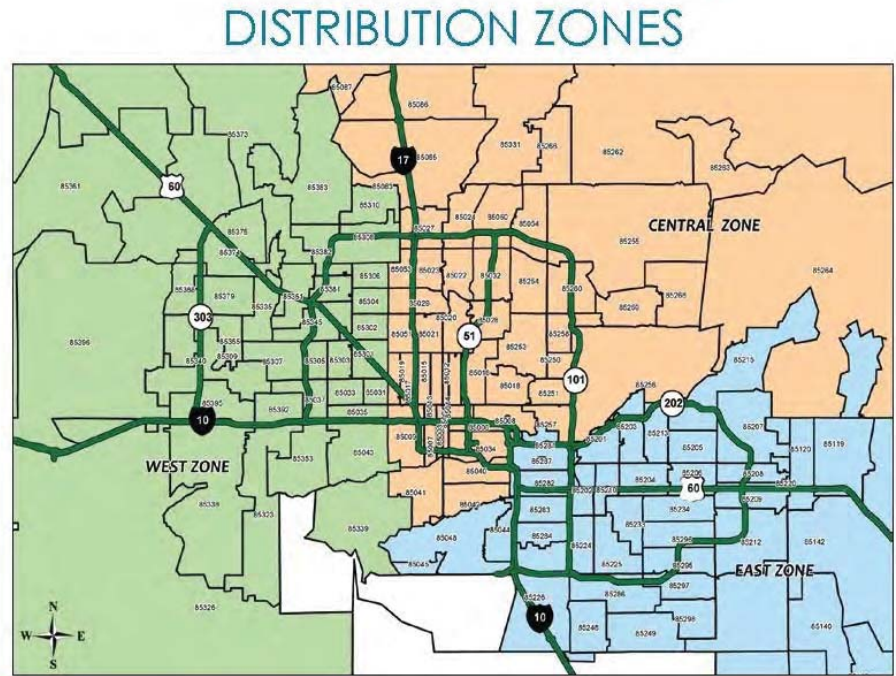
b) Coverage areas? GRIN?

Arizona Republic

The hearing was advertised in the regular paper which is distributed to all the zones shown in the map at right. The forums were advertised in the Community sections for zones 5, 6, 17, 10, 14.

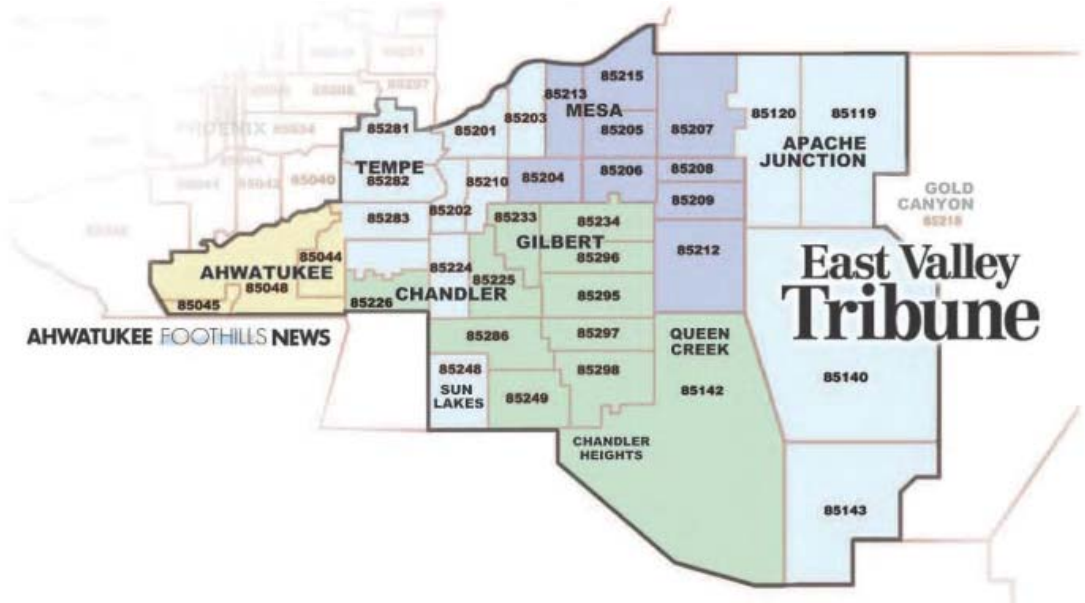


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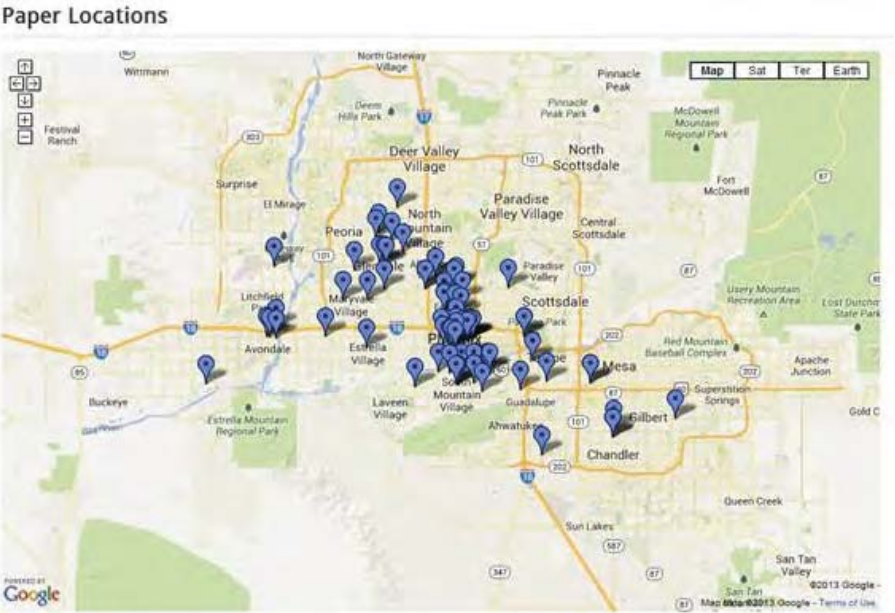


West Valley View
The areas covered were Avondale, Goodyear, Buckeye, Litchfield Park, Tolleson, Luke AFB, Arlington, Tonopah, Palo Verde, portions of West Phoenix, and portions of Waddell. They also include some unincorporated Maricopa County portions in Goodyear, Litchfield Park, and Buckeye.

East Valley Tribune and Ahwatukee Foothills News
See map below.



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Circulation is approximately 100,000 weekly through subscribers and pickup locations (map below).

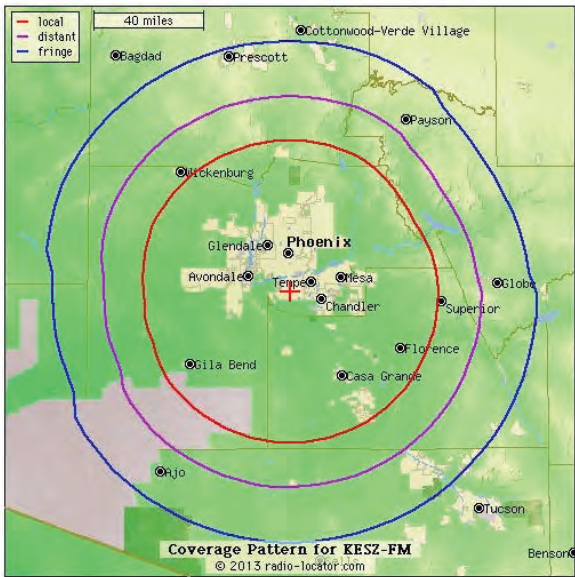


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The Gila River Indian News prints 7,000 issues of tabloid size newspaper (11" x 17") on a monthly basis. Distribution is free throughout the Gila River Indian Community.

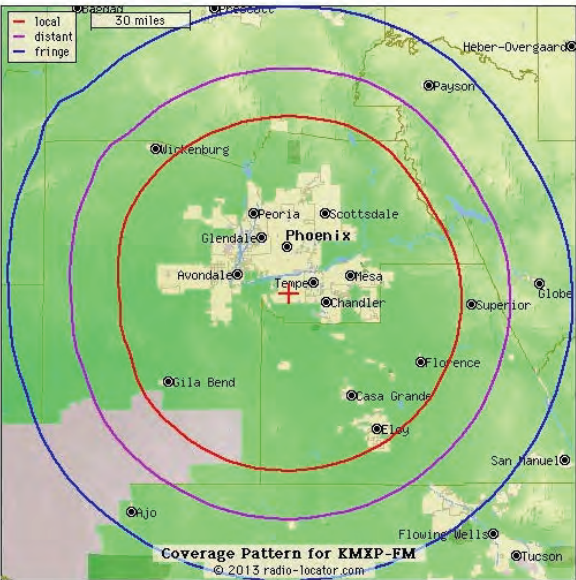
- 17. Radio**
- a) Does GRIC have a radio station?**
- The team could not identify a specific community radio station; neither could the media buying firm used to purchase radio air time.
- b) What are the coverage areas for the radio advertising that was done? (KEZ-FM; KMXP-FM; KNIX-FM; KGME-AM; KFYI-AM)**

See maps on the following pages.

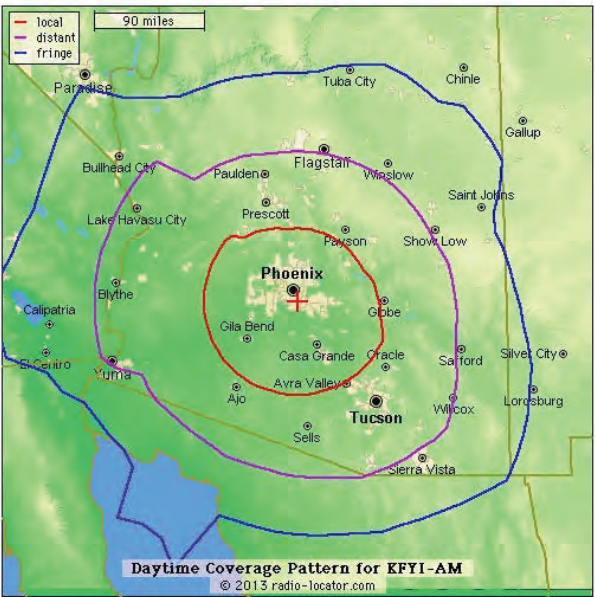
KESZ FM 99.9 MHz Predicted Coverage Map



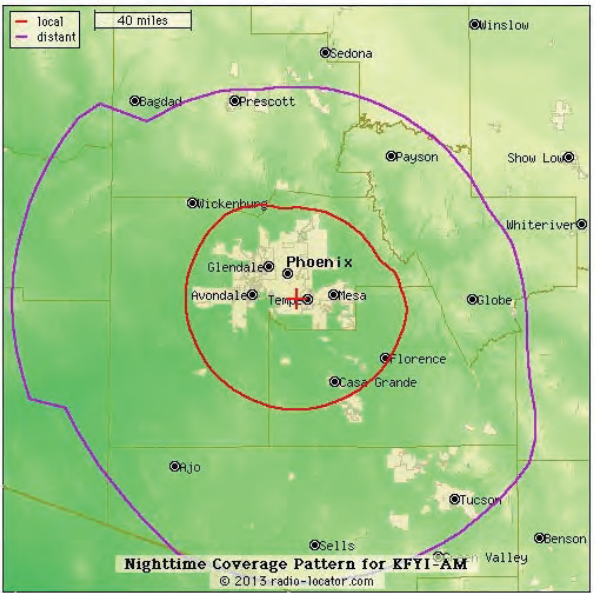
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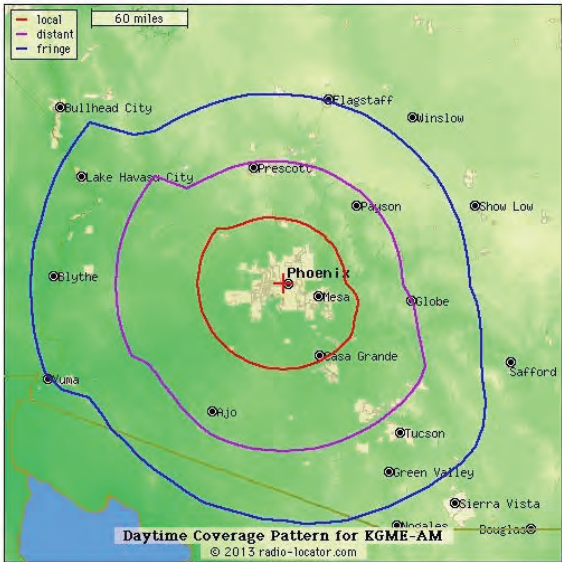
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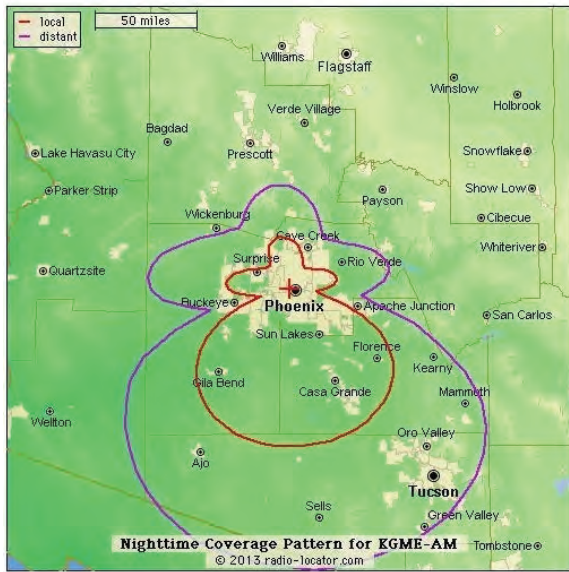
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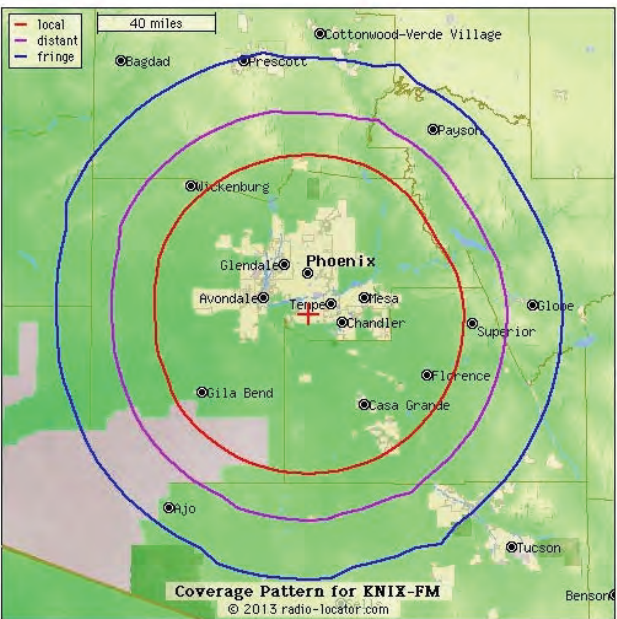
KGME AM 910 kHz Predicted DAYTIME Coverage Map



KGME AM 910 kHz Predicted NIGHTTIME Coverage Map



KNIX FM 102.5 MHz Predicted Coverage Map



18. Other media

a) Facebook

Facebook – approximately 5 postings

b) Twitter

Twitter – approximately 12 tweets

c) Blogs

Blogs – 3 blogs

d) TV – does GRIC have a station?

The team could not identify a specific community TV station; however, media coverage included:

- The Arizona Republic
- The Ahwatukee Foothills News
- The East Valley Tribune
- Arizona Builders Exchange
- Phoenix Business Journal
- Capital Times
- Channel 3
- Channel 5
- Channel 8-Arizona Horizon
- Channel 10
- Channel 12
- Channel 15

19. Community forums

a) When did we reach out to GRIC?

Public outreach opportunities were offered to David White starting in summer 2012. The August 10, 2012 Public Involvement Team Meeting Summary (Attachment 1) includes an update from Chaun Hill, ADOT Project Manager, regarding recent conversations ADOT and MAG had with David White, GRIC Community Manager. The meeting notes summarize that ADOT offered to hold outreach activities on the GRIC prior to the release of the Draft EIS and during the 90-day public comment. D. White indicated he would coordinate with GRIC tribal leadership regarding any public outreach activities on the Community, and would continue to communicate with ADOT and MAG Management regarding the Community’s desires. Potential locations for events were also discussed.

In late 2012, a follow-up conversation with ADOT (Chaun Hill, Brent Cain), MAG (Bob Hazlett, Nathan Pryor,) and GRIC (David White) occurred which entailed a detailed description of the public involvement process including the public hearing to be held at the convention center downtown and the additional public forums envisioned to be held at different locations throughout the valley. Along with this description, an offer was extended to hold one or more of the forums on the Community if the GRIC so desired. David White seemed to understand the concept of the forums and embrace the possibility of hosting one on the Community. David White said he would let Chaun Hill and the South Mountain Team know if the GRIC wanted to have a forum on the Community. There was some additional explanation about providing the forums in a uniform manner at every location.

GRIC first responded to these offers at the April 30, 2013 TTT meeting at which GRIC requested that a Community Forum be conducted on the Community. Nathan Pryor, MAG, contacted Zuzette Kisto on May 16, 2013 regarding a Community Forum on the GRIC. On May 28, 2013, ADOT provided to the GRIC PIO, via email, a copy of the newspaper ad listing the community forum details for their information and use. Community Forum ground rules were developed between June 14 and 18, 2013, in conjunction with the GRIC Community Manager and PIO, for the forum in Komatke.

b) How were locations decided?

Locations were determined based on:

- Geographic diversity within the study area
- Availability of appropriate venue
- Specific community request (GRIC request for Community forum at Komatke Boys and Girls Club)

c) Who decided how many forums would occur?

Number of forums was determined based on:

- Goal to have a community forum in each distinct community within the study area
- Window of opportunity, i.e., amount of time after public hearing and before the close of the comment period
- Availability of appropriate venues

20. GRIC transportation to public hearing/community forum

a) Was transportation specifically requested? Who did they ask? When? What happened?

No, however there were six phone calls related to transportation; five asking for details about the shuttle service, and one requesting information about parking validation (see the log sheets in [Attachments 8 and 9](#)).

21. Email comments

a) Who responded to these comments?

Comments were forwarded to HDR. ADOT Community Relations staff did respond to four constituent emails via the project’s email line (projects@azdot.gov). Two emails were forwarded from constituents requesting CDs of the DEIS. Felicia Calderon, ADOT Community Relations, mailed out CDs of the DEIS within 24 hours to these constituents. One email requested a sign language interpreter for the May 21 hearing. Michelle Thompson, ADOT Community Relations, arranged for a sign language interpreter for the hearing. One email requested an ADOT drop-off location to submit formal comments. Matt Eberhart, ADOT Community Relations, responded to this constituent the same day with the appropriate physical address to deliver comments to ADOT.

b) How often were they checked?

Emails were checked approximately four times per day.

c) Who was responsible?

Felicia Beltran and Matt Eberhart, ADOT Community Relations Officers, were responsible for checking the ADOT Projects email account.

d) Process?

ADOT Community Relations staff (Beltran and Eberhart) would check the ADOT Projects email account (projects@azdot.gov) and forwarded any South Mountain Freeway- related emails to the HDR ADOT Project account (adot@hdrinc.com). Any inquiries requiring an immediate response (e.g., hearing logistics, shuttles, etc.) were handled by HDR (Book and others), and those that were comments on the DEIS were entered into the comment database.

22. Public hearing – “no signs” message - consistent?

Per the Phoenix Convention Center’s standard policy, posters, banners, and signs were prohibited inside the public hearing. Notices were posted at the entrances (see example at right) and staff and security staff verbally reiterated that prohibition as needed (this occurred approximately 11 times). Posters, banners, and signs were allowed in the public right-of-way, e.g. the sidewalks. For consistency and to avoid potential intimidation or distraction for attendees, posters, banners, and signs were also prohibited inside the meeting venues at each of the community forums.

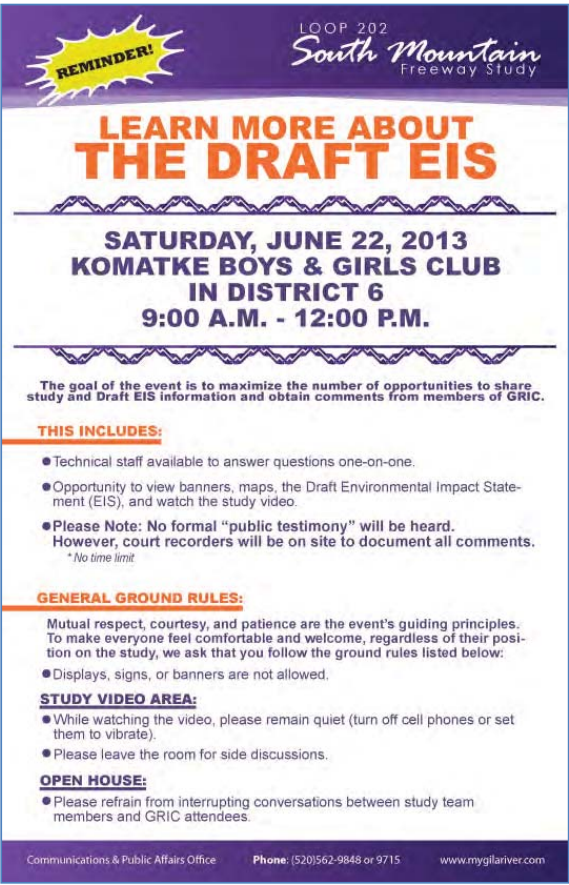
At the Community Forum on the Community, Zuzette Kisto (GRIC PIO) created display information providing general ground rules for the meeting. This information included the following verbiage: *DISPLAYS, SIGNS, OR BANNERS ARE NOT ALLOWED*. This poster was also printed as a handout and was available at the sign-in table at the Komatke Forum (see right).



23. SMCAT meetings

a) Who was contacted? When? Was there a GRIC response?

See table next page.



SMCAT Communications with GRIC for 2013						
Contact Person	Organization	Subject	Method of Contact	Date of Communication	Addressee / Intended Contact Person	Response Received
LaQuinta Allison	Gila River Indian Community - District 4	SMCAT Re-engagement Request Letter	Postal Mail	February 15, 2013	LaQuinta Allison	No Response
Nathanial Percharo	Pecos Road/-I-10 Landowners Association	SMCAT Re-engagement Request Letter	Postal Mail	February 15, 2013	Nathanial Percharo	No Response
LaQuinta Allison	Gila River Indian Community - District 4	SMCAT Re-engagement Request	Telephone	February 15, 2013	LaQuinta Allison	No Response
Nathanial Percharo	Pecos Road/-I-10 Landowners Association	SMCAT Re-engagement Request	Telephone	February 15, 2013	Nathanial Percharo	Will try to attend
LaQuinta Allison	Gila River Indian Community - District 4	SMCAT - Meeting Invitation - April 22, 2013	eMail	April 12, 2013	LaQuinta Allison	No Response
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LaQuinta Allison	Gila River Indian Community - District 4	SMCAT Final Meeting Questions	eMail	May 7, 2013	LaQuinta Allison	No Response
LaQuinta Allison	Gila River Indian Community - District 4	Reminder: SMCAT Final Meeting Questions	eMail	May 13, 2013	LaQuinta Allison	No Response
LaQuinta Allison	Gila River Indian Community - District 4	Reminder: SMCAT Final Meeting Questions	eMail	May 22, 2013	LaQuinta Allison	No Response
LaQuinta Allison	Gila River Indian Community - District 4	Reminder: SMCAT Final Meeting Questions	eMail	May 28, 2013	LaQuinta Allison	No Response
LaQuinta Allison	Gila River Indian Community - District 4	SMCAT Meeting Reminder	eMail	June 10, 2013	LaQuinta Allison	No Response
Nathanial Percharo	Pecos Road/-I-10 Landowners Association	SMCAT Meeting Reminder	Telephone	June 10, 2013	Nathanial Percharo	No Response
LaQuinta Allison	Gila River Indian Community - District 4	SMCAT Final Recommendation	eMail	June 12, 2013	LaQuinta Allison	No Response
Nathanial Percharo	Pecos Road/-I-10 Landowners Association	SMCAT Final Recommendation	Telephone	June 12, 2013	Nathanial Percharo	No Response
LaQuinta Allison	Gila River Indian Community - District 4	SMCAT Final Recommendation - Reminder	eMail	June 17, 2013	LaQuinta Allison	No Response
LaQuinta Allison	Gila River Indian Community - District 4	SMCAT Final Recommendation - Reminder	eMail	June 24, 2013	LaQuinta Allison	No Response
LaQuinta Allison	Gila River Indian Community - District 4	Reminder - SMCAT Final Recommendation	eMail	July 1, 2013	LaQuinta Allison	No Response
LaQuinta Allison	Gila River Indian Community - District 4	SMCAT Meeting Transcript and Parking Lot from 6/11/13	eMail	July 8, 2013	LaQuinta Allison	No Response

LaQuinta Allison	Gila River Indian Community - District 4	Revised 6/11 SMCAT Meeting Transcript	eMail	July 8, 2013	LaQuinta Allison	No Response
LaQuinta Allison	Gila River Indian Community - District 4	Reminder - SMCAT Final Recommendation	eMail	July 9, 2013	LaQuinta Allison	No Response
LaQuinta Allison	Gila River Indian Community - District 4	Reminder: SMCAT Final Recommendation	eMail	July 16, 2013	LaQuinta Allison	No Response
LaQuinta Allison	Gila River Indian Community - District 4	Reminder - 2 days to go: SMCAT Final Recommendation	eMail	July 22, 2013	LaQuinta Allison	No Response
LaQuinta Allison	Gila River Indian Community - District 4	Reminder - Last Day: SMCAT Final Recommendation	eMail	July 24, 2013	LaQuinta Allison	No Response
LaQuinta Allison	Gila River Indian Community - District 4	SMCAT Final Recommendation	eMail	August 1, 2013	LaQuinta Allison	No Response
LaQuinta Allison	Gila River Indian Community - District 4	Amended SMCAT Recommendation Results	eMail	August 16, 2013	LaQuinta Allison	No Response

b) Was there an attempt to get new rep?

Follow-up question from FHWA: how did we obtain new representatives with other organizations that were unresponsive?

No other SMCAT organizations were unresponsive during this process. The process for an organization to have assigned a new representative on the SMCAT would have been initiated and conducted within the representing organization itself. The organization would have needed to appoint a new representative to the SMCAT; not ADOT or the facilitators. Letters, emails, and phone calls to LaQuinta Allison or to the Gila River Indian Community, District 4, received no response. According to the SMCAT Operating Agreement (last revised April 2013), the “SMCAT will determine if new or replacement organizations should be included in the membership.” No new organizations were added by the SMCAT during the meetings held in 2013.

Attachment 1: August 10, 2012 Public Involvement Team Meeting Summary



South Mountain Corridor Study
Public Involvement Team Meeting
DRAFT Meeting Summary

Date: August 10, 2012
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Location: MAG, Chaparral Room
Attendees:

Chaun Hill, ADOT VPM
Brock Barnhart, ADOT CCP
Jennifer Grentz, ADOT CCP
Michelle Thompson, ADOT CCP
Matt Burdick, ADOT CCP
Bob Hazlett, MAG
Kelly Taft, MAG

Nathan Pryor, MAG
Alan Hansen, FHWA
Ken Davis, FHWA
Scott Stapp, HDR
Ben Spargo, HDR
Heather Honsberger, HDR
Bill Cowdrey, HDR

Meeting Summary: Heather Honsberger, HDR

Action Items

Task	Responsible party	Date action item initiated	Status
Review and provide comment on Draft Public Hearing Plan	PIT	06/22/12	Completed
Incorporate PIT comments into Revised Draft Public Hearing Plan	HDR	8/3/12	Complete
Create public hearing work-back schedule	HDR	8/3/12	Completed
Research possible locations of community meetings	HDR		Ongoing
Create Survey Monkey public opinion questions	CCP		Completed
Continue discussions about transit vouchers	MAG		Ongoing
Conduct Survey Monkey	CCP		Completed

1. Public Involvement News of the Week

C.Hill began the meeting by welcoming the attendees and conducting introductions. She then handed the meeting over to H. Honsberger who asked if there was any public involvement news of the week.

Kelly Taft provided an overview of a South Mountain Freeway Study fact sheet that was developed by MAG in response to a request by the City of Phoenix. Tom Remes, City of Phoenix, asked MAG to develop the fact sheet so they can respond to questions from elected officials about the project. MAG developed the fact sheet in coordination with ADOT.

2. Media Updates

H. Honsberger updated the PIT on the response provided to a media inquiry regarding the freeway alignment through Laveen. The response provided explained the study team was still working through the technical process and the recommended alignment through Laveen would be announced in the Draft EIS.

3. Public Outreach/Hearing Plan

H. Honsberger reviewed the Draft Final Public Outreach and Hearing Plan describing comments that were incorporated and sections/text that had changed. The PIT provided additional comments on the document, including a request from FHWA to provide court reporters at the community kiosks. H. Honsberger also asked MAG to review the Media Strategy sections in the document.

C. Hill also updated the PIT on ADOT and MAG’s recent conversations with David White regarding potential outreach activities on the GRIC. D. White complimented ADOT on their creativity and willingness to incorporate activities such as the community kiosks into the overall plan. D. White will coordinate with GRIC tribal leadership regarding these activities, and will continue to communicate with ADOT and MAG management in reference to the Community’s desires. Potential locations could include Vee Quiva Casino, the pending outlet center, and District 6.

Bob Hazlett provided an update on Pangea’s effort to petition another vote on the freeway. The ADOT and MAG management team learned that no formal petition has been submitted. The team should learn more about the status of the Pangea effort today. There is a chance the release of the Draft EIS and the vote could occur at the same time. However, the release of the Draft EIS might be an indication to the Community that ADOT, FHWA, and MAG are serious about this freeway. A formal submission has not been made and signatures are still being verified.

H. Honsberger also reviewed the Draft Work-back Schedule with the PIT. The Work-back Schedule outlines the individual activities/deliverables that need to be prepared in advance of the Public Hearing and release of the Draft EIS. The Work-back Schedule identifies due dates, responsible parties and the status of each task. H. Honsberger explained that tasks have been assigned due dates until the end of November, as the overall Draft EIS schedule is still under review.

Attachment 2: Fact Sheet

Fact Sheet

LOOP 202
South Mountain
Freeway Study

Introduction

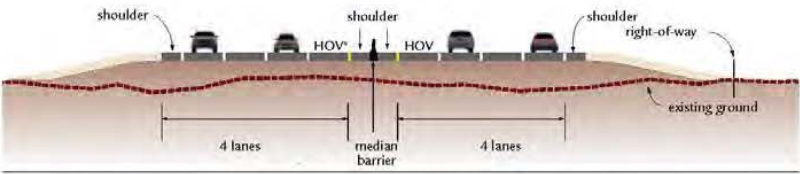
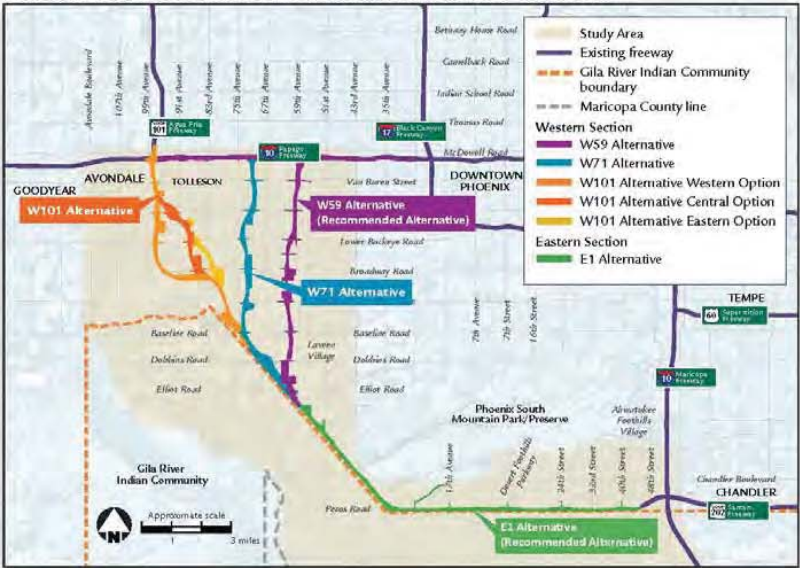
The proposed Loop 202 South Mountain Freeway has been a critical part of the Maricopa Association of Governments' (MAG) Regional Freeway Program since it was first included in funding approved by Maricopa County voters in 1985. It was also part of the *Regional Transportation Plan* funding passed by Maricopa County voters in 2004 through Proposition 400. The proposed freeway is a key component of the region's adopted multimodal transportation plan and the Regional Freeway and Highway System and is the last piece to complete the Loop 202 system.

Additionally, the Loop 202 South Mountain Freeway provides an important link between the southeast and southwest areas of the Valley and an alternative route to Interstate 10. Traffic volumes for the proposed freeway are expected to be in the range of 137,000 to 142,000 vehicles per day by 2030, which is comparable to current use on the Loop 101 and existing segments of Loop 202. The analysis of travel patterns shows the demand for the freeway consists of mostly regional traffic, not traffic moving through metro Phoenix.

Where will the Freeway be Located?

The proposed freeway is broken up into two segments, an eastern section and a western section. The eastern section connects to I-10 adjacent to the current Loop 202 Santan Freeway, and the western section veers north to connect the freeway loop to I-10. For the eastern section, the proposed alignment follows Pecos Road. This alignment was first proposed in 1985 and affirmed in the 1988 Environmental Assessment. For the western section, the proposed freeway alignment is called the "W59 Alternative," which provides a north-south connection of the South Mountain to I-10 near 59th Avenue. A "no build" option also is being evaluated, as required by federal law.

Alternatives studied in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement



The configuration of the freeway is anticipated to be eight lanes (three general-purpose lanes and one high occupancy vehicle lane in each direction).

Fact Sheet

What is the Current Status?

The Arizona Department of Transportation and the Federal Highway Administration have finalized a detailed evaluation of the proposed Loop 202 South Mountain Freeway through the preparation of a Draft Environmental Impact Statement, or "Draft EIS." Under federal law, the Draft EIS must address 26 factors outlined in the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969. These factors cover the entire range of environmental study, including impacts on South Mountain, wildlife, air quality, storm-water drainage, and neighborhoods.

How can the Public be Involved?

The Draft EIS is available for a 90-day public review and comment period, starting April 26, 2013, and ending on July 24, 2013. During this review and comment period, the document is available online (azdot.gov/SouthMountainFreeway) and at public locations such as public libraries and community locations. A full listing of these locations is available on the study website.

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Online Public Hearing

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When Would the Freeway be Built?

If the outcome of the study is a build alternative, then the timing of construction will depend upon the completion of final design, right-of-way acquisition, and utility relocation. A corridor implementation plan developed by ADOT will identify how to construct the overall project, including the length and sequence of construction segments. The current Regional Freeway and Highway Program identifies construction funding for the freeway to begin in fiscal year 2015.

PUBLIC HEARING

Tuesday, May 21, 2013

10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Phoenix Convention Center, North Ballroom

100 N. 3rd St., Phoenix, AZ 85004

Validated parking and transit vouchers will be provided.

Public Comment Needed Here!

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Mail, E-mail, Phone

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✉ ADOT Loop 202 South Mountain Freeway Study
1655 W. Jackson Street
MD 126F
Phoenix, Arizona, 85007

✉ projects@azdot.gov

☎ 602.712.7006

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Attachment 3: How to Participate Handout

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Western Section

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- E1 Alternative

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Public Hearing Location

1 North Garage

2 West Garage

3 Heritage & Science Center Garage

4 Regency Garage

5 East Garage

Denotes entrance into garage

P Alternate downtown parking garage

LRT Light rail station

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Attachment 4: Mailer

Draft EIS Released for Public Comment

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4333 E. Chandler Blvd.
Phoenix, AZ 85048
(602) 262-4636

**Phoenix Public Library
Burton Barr Central Library**
1221 N. Central Ave.
Phoenix, AZ 85004
(602) 262-4636

**FedEx Office
Print and Ship Center**
4940 E. Ray Rd.
Phoenix, AZ 85044
(480) 893-0700

**Sam Garcia
Western Avenue Library**
495 E. Western Ave.
Avondale, AZ 85323
(623) 333-2665

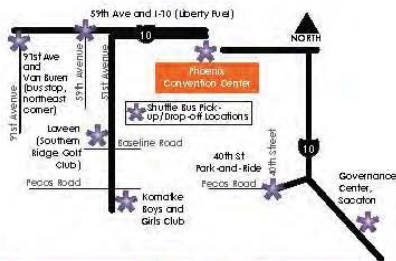
Tolleson Public Library
9555 W. Van Buren St.
Tolleson, AZ 85353
(623) 936-2746

ADOT Environmental Planning Group
1611 W. Jackson St.
Phoenix, AZ 85007
(602) 712-7767
Call for appointment

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ROUTE	PICK UP AND DROP OFF LOCATIONS	DEPARTURE TIMES	DEPARTURE TIMES FROM CONVENTION CENTER	ARRIVAL TIMES
1	91st Ave. and Van Buren (bus pickup on northeast corner)	9:30 12:30 4:30	12:15 4:15 7:30	12:30 4:30 7:45
	59th Ave. and I-10 (southeast corner, Liberty Road parking lot)	9:35 12:35 4:35		12:25 4:25 7:40
2	Komatke Boys and Girls Club, 5047 W. Pecos Rd.	9:30 12:30 4:30		12:28 4:28 7:58
	Southern Ridge Golf Club, 5740 W. Baseline Rd.	9:40 12:40 4:40		12:18 4:18 7:48
3	Governance Center, 525 W. Guv. K. Socation	9:30 12:30 4:30		12:28 4:28 8:13
	40th St. and Pecos Rd. Park-and-Ride	9:55 12:55 4:55	11:45 3:45 7:30	12:03 4:03 7:48

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Loop 202 South Mountain
Freeway Study
1655 W. Jackson Street, MD 126F
Phoenix, Arizona, 85007

Please plan to attend
the public hearing
on May 21!

LOOP 202
South Mountain
Freeway Study

Public Hearing Location

**DRAFT EIS
PUBLIC HEARING**
Tuesday, May 21, 2013
10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
**Phoenix Convention Center,
North Ballroom**
100 N. 3rd St., Phoenix, AZ 85004
Validated parking and transit
vouchers will be provided.
Free Shuttle Bus Information
ADOT is offering FREE shuttle bus service to and
from the Public Hearing.
For more information, see inside of this mailer
or call 602.712.7006



Although the hearing takes place over a 10-hour period, the same information and opportunity for comment will be available no matter what time you attend.

Persons that require a reasonable accommodation based on language or disability should contact ADOT at projects@azdot.gov or 855.712.8530. Requests should be made as early as possible to ensure the state has an opportunity to address the accommodation. Personas que requieren asistencia o una adaptación razonable por habilidad limitada en inglés o discapacidad deben ponerse en contacto con ADOT (projects@azdot.gov or 855.712.8530). Las solicitudes deben hacerse lo pronto como sea posible para asegurar que el estado tiene la oportunidad de abordar el alojamiento.

Formal Public Hearing Comment Process

Note that the public hearing provides the only opportunity for members of the public to make comments on the Draft EIS in front of a study team panel (with a three-minute time limit). Court reporters will also be available to take individual verbal comments; comments provided to a court reporter are not subject to the three-minute limit. Comment forms will be available for written comments.

Online Public Hearing

All of the materials presented at the public hearing, including a study video and comment forms, will be available from May 21, 2013 to July 24, 2013 at azdot.gov/SouthMountainFreeway.

There are several opportunities for the public to provide comments on the Draft EIS. All comment methods are considered equal.

Community Forums

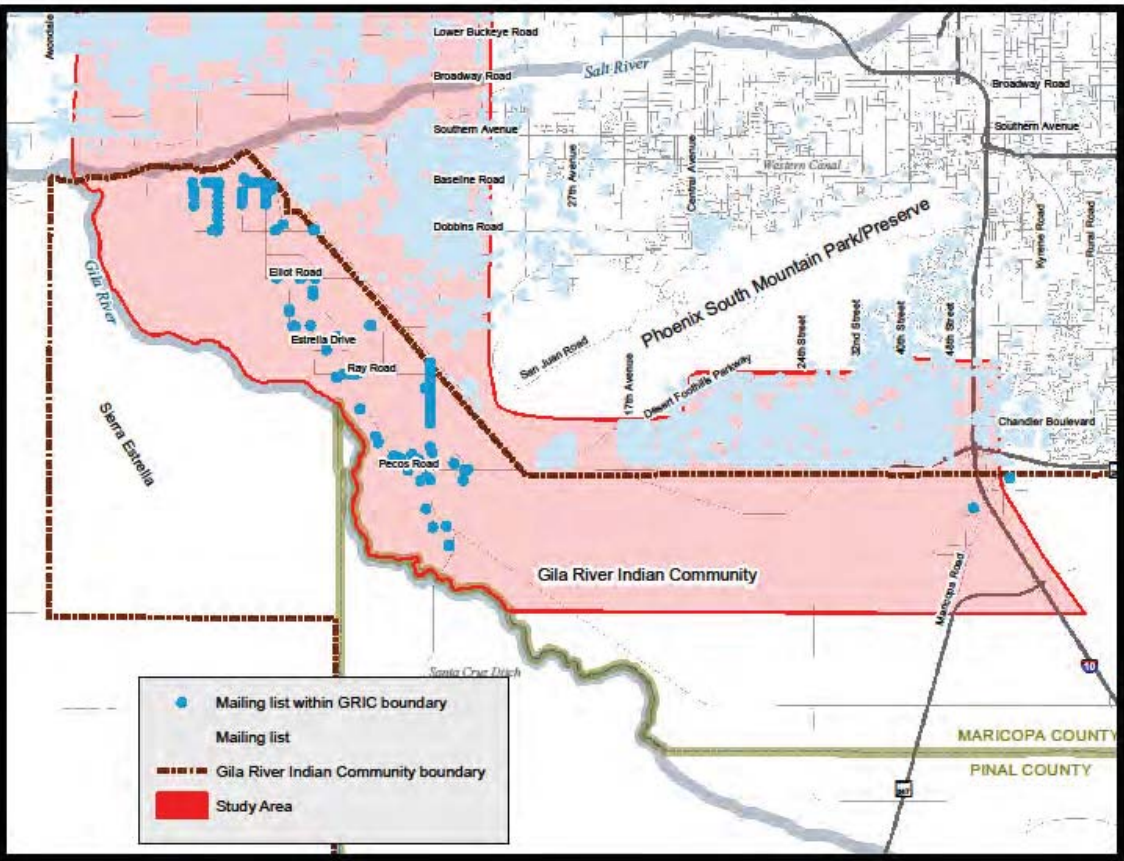
Community forums will be held at various locations in the study area after the public hearing. Technical staff will be at the forums to answer questions. Study materials, including the study video, will also be available to view. Court reporters will be available to take individual verbal comments. Written comments can also be submitted, but no formal "hearing" will occur at these community forum meetings. Forum locations will be posted at azdot.gov/SouthMountainFreeway, emailed to the e-newsletter subscribers, and published in the newspaper and local publications.

Mail, E-mail, Phone

At anytime during the 90-day comment period, comments can be provided in the following methods:

- ADOT Loop 202 South Mountain Freeway Study
1655 W. Jackson Street
MD 126F
Phoenix, Arizona, 85007
- projects@azdot.gov
- 602.712.7006
- azdot.gov/SouthMountainFreeway

Attachment 5: GRIC Address Map (from mailer distribution)



Attachment 6: Sample Newspaper Ad (from Ahwatukee Foothills News)

You're invited!

LOOP 202 SOUTH MOUNTAIN FREEWAY STUDY

Draft Environmental Impact Statement Available for Public Review and Comment

On April 26, 2013, the Arizona Department of Transportation in conjunction with the Federal Highway Administration published the **Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Loop 202 South Mountain Freeway Study**. The Draft EIS is available for review on the study website at azdot.gov/SouthMountainFreeway. Copies of the Draft EIS are also available for review during business hours at the following locations:

► **Phoenix Public Library – Ironwood Branch**
4333 East Chandler Boulevard
Phoenix, AZ 85048 | 602.262.4636

► **Phoenix Public Library – Burton Barr Central Library**
1221 North Central Avenue
Phoenix, AZ 85004 | 602.262.4636

► **FedEx Office Print and Ship Center**
4940 East Ray Road
Phoenix, AZ 85044 | 480.893.0700

► **Sam Garcia Western Avenue Library**
495 East Western Avenue
Avondale, AZ 85323 | 623.333.2665

► **Tolleson Public Library**
9555 West Van Buren Street
Tolleson, AZ 85353 | 623.936.2746

► **ADOT Environmental Planning Group**
1611 West Jackson Street
Phoenix, AZ 85007 | 602.712.7767
Call for appointment

Recommended Alternative

Attend the Public Hearing - Tuesday, May 21, 2013 | 10am-8pm

Phoenix Convention Center – North Ballroom
100 North 3rd Street, Phoenix, AZ 85004

Public Hearing Location

Validated parking and transit vouchers will be provided.

Free Shuttle Bus Service to the Public Hearing

Need a ride to the public hearing? ADOT is offering FREE shuttle bus service to and from the Public Hearing at the Phoenix Convention Center from six Valley locations:

- Tolleson
- Estrella Village
- Laveen Village
- Gila River Indian Community (2 locations)
- Ahwatukee Village

Service will be provided throughout the day on May 21, 2013. For more information, please call 602.712.7006.

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FOR MORE INFORMATION:
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Attend the Public Hearing

As part of the Draft EIS review process, ADOT will hold **one public hearing** on the Draft EIS and accept formal public comments. Comments can be provided via comment form, verbal comments to a court reporter, and through three-minute verbal comments in front of a panel of study team members. The public hearing is the only opportunity where three-minute verbal comments can be given in front of the panel. This portion of the hearing will be held for the purpose of receiving comments. It is not intended to be a question-and-answer session. Although the hearing takes place over a 10-hour period, the same information and opportunity for comment will be available no matter what time you attend.

Pre-Register to Speak

You can pre-register to speak at the hearing by calling (602.712.7006) or by registering at the public hearing. Phone registration will end at noon, Monday, May 20. After you pre-register, you can see the schedule of speakers online at azdot.gov/SouthMountainFreeway. Each speaker will be allocated up to 3 minutes to present his or her comments. Pre-registered speakers will be listed online prior to the hearing and at the public hearing.

Comment on the Draft EIS

Public comments on the Draft EIS and its findings will be accepted during a 90-day public comment period. Comments can be provided in the following methods:

► **At the public hearing**
ADOT

► **In writing:**
Loop 202 South Mountain Freeway Study
1655 West Jackson Street, MD 126F
Phoenix, AZ 85007

► **Through the study website and online public hearing:**
azdot.gov/SouthMountainFreeway

► **Email:** projects@azdot.gov

► **Phone:** 602.712.7006

All comment methods are considered equal. The Draft EIS public comment period will close on **July 24, 2013**. All comments received during the 90-day public comment period will be documented and responded to in the Final EIS.

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ADOT Federal Highway Administration

Attachment 7: Hotline Message Retrieval Log

Hotline Message Retrieval Log					Hotline Comment Response Summary from 8/23/13								
Day	Date	Times Per Day/ Messages Retrieved	Retrieved By	Times Per Day/ Messages Checked	Message Capacity		Date	Pro	Con	Total	Con	Comments	
Friday	Prior to 4/26/13	Unknown	Michael Beck	-	-		Prior to 4/26/13	-	-	-	-	Unknown	
Friday	4/26/2013	1	Gina Ellison	The hotline was checked an average of 2 times daily Monday through Friday at approximately 8 am and 4 pm.	20		4/26/13	1	1	2			
Saturday	4/27/2013	0	Gina Ellison		20								
Sunday	4/28/2013	0	Gina Ellison		20								
Monday	4/29/2013	0	Gina Ellison		20								
Tuesday	4/30/2013	0	Gina Ellison		20								
Wednesday	5/1/2013	1	Gina Ellison		20		5/1/13	0	1	1			
Thursday	5/2/2013	0	Gina Ellison		20								
Friday	5/3/2013	0	Gina Ellison		20								
Saturday	5/4/2013	0	Gina Ellison		20								
Sunday	5/5/2013	0	Gina Ellison		20								
Monday	5/6/2013	0	Gina Ellison		20								
Tuesday	5/7/2013	0	Gina Ellison		20								
Wednesday	5/8/2013	0	Gina Ellison		20								
Thursday	5/9/2013	0	Gina Ellison		20								
Friday	5/10/2013	1	Lisa Scott		20		5/10/12	12	0	12			
Saturday	5/11/2013	0	Lisa Scott		20		5/11/12	0	0	0			
Sunday	5/12/2013	0	Lisa Scott		20		5/12/13	0	0	0			
Monday	5/13/2013	2	Lisa Scott		20		5/13/13	31	0	31			
Tuesday	5/14/2013	1	Lisa Scott		20		5/14/13	5	1	6		One caller is anti-growth for the future	
Wednesday	5/15/2013	2	Lisa Scott	From 5/14 to 5/20 the hotline was checked hourly, however, if there were no messages, it was checked every two or three hours prior to the Public Meeting on 5/21 with a minimum of 4 times daily.	20		5/15/13	101	0	101		Two callers noted they only support the freeway as long as it goes around the outskirts of the mountain and neighborhood and does not upset the sacred grounds. Also they want it to connect at the 101 and not the 51.	
Thursday	5/16/2013	3	Lisa Scott			20		5/16/13	43	0	43		
Friday	5/17/13	3	Deborah McCammon			80		5/17/13	27	0	27		Three callers want to attend hearing - Stone, Allen & Nelson. One caller wanted Shuttle Bus info - left only a phone number
Saturday	5/18/13	2	Deborah McCammon			80		5/18/13	53	1	54		One caller did not like receiving unsolicited e-mail. One caller thought the Hotline Message is too long.
Sunday	5/19/13	0	Deborah McCammon			80		5/19/13	1	0	1		One caller requested to speak at the hearing
Monday	5/20/13	3	Deborah McCammon		80		5/20/13	12	0	12			
Tuesday	5/21/13	3	Deborah McCammon		80		5/21/13	1	0	1			
Wednesday	5/22/13	0	Deborah McCammon		80		5/22/13	0	0	0			
Thursday	5/23/13	0	Deborah McCammon		80		5/23/13	0	0	0			
Friday	5/24/13	1	Deborah McCammon		80		5/24/13		1	1		Opposed for Air Quality/Desecrating Indian Land/Trucking from Mexico	
Saturday	5/25/13	0	Deborah McCammon		80		5/25/13	0	0	0			
Sunday	5/26/13	0	Deborah McCammon		80		5/26/13	0	0	0			
Monday	5/27/13	0	Deborah McCammon		80		5/27/13	0	0	0			
Tuesday	5/28/13	0	Deborah McCammon		80		5/28/13	1	0	1		Recommends the 101 Alternative	
Wednesday	5/29/13	1	Deborah McCammon		80		5/29/13	0	0	0			
Thursday	5/30/13	1	Deborah McCammon		80		5/30/13	0	1	1		Spend money on fixing the existing before building a new one. [Spanish]	
Friday	5/31/13	1	Deborah McCammon		80		5/31/13	0	1	1		Opposed due to hardship on getting family to work and school.	
Saturday	6/1/13	0	Deborah McCammon		80								
Sunday	6/2/13	0	Deborah McCammon		80								
Monday	6/3/13	0	Deborah McCammon		80								
Tuesday	6/4/13	0	Deborah McCammon		80								
Wednesday	6/5/13	0	Deborah McCammon		80								
Thursday	6/6/13	0	Deborah McCammon		80								
Friday	6/7/13	0	Deborah McCammon		80		6/7/13	1	0	1			
Saturday	6/8/13	0	Deborah McCammon		80								
Sunday	6/9/13	0	Deborah McCammon		80								
Monday	6/10/13	1	Deborah McCammon		80		6/10/13	4	1	5		1 Opposed due to fuel emissions/wants public transp.	

Tuesday	6/11/13	1	Deborah McCammon		80		6/11/13	13	0	13		12 in favor of the Freeway. 1 in Spanish needs translation
Wednesday	6/12/13	1	Deborah McCammon		80		6/12/13	15	0	15		1 in Spanish needs translation
Thursday	6/13/13	2	Deborah McCammon		80		6/13/13	14	1	15		Resident in Laveen does not want this freeway in their backyard. Opinions Editor @ the Arizona Republic has some questions and asked for a call back. 1 message in Spanish and needs translated.
Friday	6/14/13	0	Deborah McCammon		80		6/14/13	8	0	8		23 in favor of the Freeway
Saturday	6/15/13	1	Deborah McCammon		80		6/15/13	23	0	23		26 in favor of Freeway
Sunday	6/16/13	0	Deborah McCammon		80		6/16/13	0	0	0		No Calls on this date
Monday	6/17/13	1	Deborah McCammon		80		6/17/13	1	0	1		1 in favor of the Freeway
Tuesday	6/18/13	1	Deborah McCammon		80		6/18/13	10	0	10		10 in favor of freeway - One call wants more information - needs someone to return her call
Wednesday	6/19/13	1	Deborah McCammon		80		6/19/13	12	0	12		12 in favor of freeway - One call wants the freeway connection to the 101 - Not the I-10
Thursday	6/20/13	1	Deborah McCammon		80		6/20/13	25	0	25		25 in favor of freeway - One call wants her number removed for Call Log.
Friday	6/21/13	0	Deborah McCammon		80		6/21/13	9	0	9		9 in favor of freeway
Saturday	6/22/13	1	Deborah McCammon		80		6/22/13	26	0	26		26 in favor of Freeway
Sunday	6/23/13	0	Deborah McCammon		80		6/23/13	0	0	0		No Messages
Monday	6/24/13	0	Deborah McCammon		80		6/24/13	0	0	0		No Messages
Tuesday	6/25/13	0	Deborah McCammon		80		6/25/13	0	0	0		No Messages
Wednesday	6/26/13	0	Deborah McCammon		80		6/26/13	0	0	0		No Messages
Thursday	6/27/13	0	Deborah McCammon		80		6/27/13	0	0	0		No Messages
Friday	6/28/13	0	Deborah McCammon		80		6/28/13	0	1	1		1 in opposition
Saturday	6/29/13	0	Deborah McCammon		80		6/29/13	0	0	0		No Messages
Sunday	6/30/13	1	Deborah McCammon		80		6/30/13	1	0	1		1 in favor if interchanges are widened @ Lower Buckeye/59th & 63rd Ave
Monday	7/1/13	1	Deborah McCammon		80		7/1/13	0	0	0		0.1 Message asking for a call back
Tuesday	7/2/13	0	Deborah McCammon		80		7/2/13	0	0	0		No Messages
Wednesday	7/3/13	0	Deborah McCammon		80		7/3/13	0	0	0		No Messages
Thursday	7/4/13	0	Deborah McCammon		80		7/4/13	0	0	0		No Messages
Friday	7/5/13	0	Deborah McCammon		80		7/5/13	0	0	0		No Messages
Saturday	7/6/13	1	Deborah McCammon		80		7/6/13	0	1	1		1 in opposition
Sunday	7/7/13	0	Deborah McCammon		80		7/7/13	0	0	0		No Messages
Monday	7/8/13	0	Deborah McCammon		80		7/8/13	0	0	0		No Messages
Tuesday	7/9/13	0	Deborah McCammon		80		7/9/13	0	0	0		No Messages
Wednesday	7/10/13	0	Deborah McCammon		80		7/10/13	0	32	32		32 in Opposition - 2 wants more information and a call back
Thursday	7/11/13	0	Deborah McCammon		80		7/11/13	0	20	20		20 in Opposition - 2 were in Spanish and need Translated
Friday	7/12/13	0	Deborah McCammon		80		7/12/13	0	4	4		4 in Opposition - 1 wants an access road to his property
Saturday	7/13/13	0	Deborah McCammon		80		7/13/13	0	0	0		No Messages
Sunday	7/14/13	0	Deborah McCammon		80		7/14/13	0	0	0		No Messages
Monday	7/15/13	0	Deborah McCammon		80		7/15/13	0	0	0		No Messages
Tuesday	7/16/13	0	Deborah McCammon		80		7/16/13	0	0	0		No Messages
Wednesday	7/17/13	0	Deborah McCammon		80		7/17/13	0	0	0		No Messages
Thursday	7/18/13	0	Deborah McCammon		80		7/18/13	0	1	1		1 in Opposition
Friday	7/19/13	0	Deborah McCammon		80		7/19/13	0	0	0		No Messages
Saturday	7/20/13	0	Deborah McCammon		80		7/20/13	0	0	0		No Messages
Sunday	7/21/13	0	Deborah McCammon		80		7/21/13	0	0	0		No Messages
Monday	7/22/13	2	Deborah McCammon		80		7/22/13	19	2	21		19 in Favor - 1 in Opposition
Tuesday	7/23/13	2	Deborah McCammon		80		7/23/13	51	1	52		51 in Favor - 1 in Opposition
Wednesday	7/24/13	2	Deborah McCammon		80		7/24/13	29	1	30		29 in favor of freeway - 1 in Opposition - 1 need in Spanish - needs translated
Thursday	7/25/13	1	Deborah McCammon		80		7/25/13	0	0	0		26 in favor of freeway - 1 in Opposition - 1 need in Spanish - needs translated
Friday	7/26/13	1	Deborah McCammon		80		7/26/13	549	72	621		

Attachment 8: Telephone Conversation Record Sheets

TELEPHONE CONVERSATION RECORD
SOUTH MOUNTAIN FREEWAY INFORMATION LINE

INCOMING CALL DATE: 5/15/13	INCOMING CALL TIME: 4:16 PM
CALLER: THOMAS W. JOHNSON, JR.	CALLER ADDRESS: 4005 SOUTH 7 TH STREET, PHOENIX, AZ 85040
PHONE: 602-441-3046	EMAIL:

CALLER REMARKS/QUESTIONS:
I do support the South Mountain Freeway annex building and would not mind coming to the 10 AM to 8 PM north ballroom public comment time period at all. Please contact me with my particular time to speak, if that's what we do. So, if anyone wants to contact me back, I am very supportive of this and would be glad to speak out for it on that date, the 21st of April, 2013. That's Tom Johnson and I appreciate you calling me even though it was a long thing. Bye.

RESPONSE:
Mr. Johnson was instructed that he will be listed as a preregistered speaker at the May 21 public hearing for the South Mountain Freeway Study. His name will be near the top of the list and will be displayed as one of the first few speakers at the beginning of the hearing. If he is not in attendance at that time, it was suggested that when he arrives at the Phoenix Civic Center on May 21, he should check in at the speaker's registration table in the main lobby area, where he should notify the attendant that he preregistered as a speaker. He will then be assisted so that he can speak in a timely manner.

RESPONSE DATE: MAY 20, 2013	RESPONSE TIME: 4:27 PM	HDR STAFF INITIAL: MEB
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TELEPHONE CONVERSATION RECORD
SOUTH MOUNTAIN FREEWAY INFORMATION LINE

INCOMING CALL DATE: 5/17/13	INCOMING CALL TIME: 1:39 PM
CALLER: ANONYMOUS	CALLER ADDRESS:
PHONE: 520-610-3405	EMAIL:

CALLER REMARKS/QUESTIONS:
Hi, I need some more information on the Shuttle Bus service. I can be reached at 520-610-3405. Thank you.

RESPONSE:
The caller's phone number was dialed on May 17, 2013, at 4 p.m. No one answered the phone and the recorded message said that the mailbox was full. There was no opportunity to leave a message.

The caller's phone number was dialed on May 20, 2013, at 11 a.m. No one answered the phone and the recorded message said that the mailbox was full. There was no opportunity to leave a message.

RESPONSE DATE: MAY 20, 2013	RESPONSE TIME: 11:00 AM	HDR STAFF INITIAL: MEB
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TELEPHONE CONVERSATION RECORD
SOUTH MOUNTAIN FREEWAY INFORMATION LINE

INCOMING CALL DATE: 05/19/13	INCOMING CALL TIME: 8:52 AM	
CALLER: MAXINE BLAKEN	CALLER ADDRESS:	
PHONE: 623-363-9237	EMAIL:	
CALLER REMARKS/QUESTIONS: Hello, I would like to Pre Register for Maxine Blaken on Tuesday morning. If you could please confirm that at 623-363-9237 I'd appreciate it. Again pre-registration for Maxine Blaken to speak Tuesday morning. Goodbye.		
RESPONSE: A message was left for Ms. Blaken, which stated that she will be listed as a preregistered speaker at the May 21 public hearing for the South Mountain Freeway Study. Her name will be near the top of the list and will be displayed as one of the first few speakers at the beginning of the hearing. If she is not in attendance at that time, it was suggested that when she arrives at the Phoenix Civic Center on May 21, she should check in at the speaker's registration table in the main lobby area, where she should notify the attendant that she preregistered as a speaker. She will then be assisted so that she can speak in a timely manner.		
RESPONSE DATE: MAY 20, 2013	RESPONSE TIME: 4:06 PM	HDR STAFF INITIAL: MEB

TELEPHONE CONVERSATION RECORD
SOUTH MOUNTAIN FREEWAY INFORMATION LINE

INCOMING CALL DATE: 05/20/13	INCOMING CALL TIME: 9:09 AM	
CALLER: DALLAS TOWNSLEY	CALLER ADDRESS:	
PHONE: 480-460-8770	EMAIL:	
CALLER REMARKS/QUESTIONS: Yes this is Dallas Townsley down here in the Ahwatukee foothills and I have some questions about the free shuttle bus service offered to the public hearing for the EIS So Mountain freeway setting. Please give me a call – 480-460-8770. Thank you		
RESPONSE: Mr. Townsley asked about the shuttle times from the 40 th Street and Pecos Road Park and Ride. He said that he would probably leave on the 9:55 a.m. shuttle to the Convention Center. He asked if the 11:45 departure time listed was a.m. or p.m. (He was confused because the document lists the a.m. times being in bold and the 11:45 a.m. departure time was not bolded.) He was told that the 11:45 a.m. time was a morning time and not an 11:45 p.m. time.		
RESPONSE DATE: MAY 20, 2013	RESPONSE TIME: 4:01 PM	HDR STAFF INITIAL: MEB

TELEPHONE CONVERSATION RECORD
SOUTH MOUNTAIN FREEWAY INFORMATION LINE

INCOMING CALL DATE: 05/20/13	INCOMING CALL TIME: 11:40 AM
CALLER: ERICA KEENAN	CALLER ADDRESS:
PHONE: 602-373-5923	EMAIL:

CALLER REMARKS/QUESTIONS:

Hello, my name is Erica Keenan. I want to pre-register for the hearing tomorrow. I will be there around 4:45 PM. My cell phone number is 602-373-5923. Again my name is Erica Keenan pre-registering for the public hearing 602-373-5923.

RESPONSE:

A message was left for Ms. Keenan, which stated that she will be listed as a preregistered speaker at the May 21 public hearing for the South Mountain Freeway Study. Her name will be near the top of the list and will be displayed as one of the first few speakers at the beginning of the hearing. If she is not in attendance at that time, it was suggested that when she arrives at the Phoenix Civic Center on May 21, she should check in at the speaker's registration table in the main lobby area, where she should notify the attendant that she preregistered as a speaker. She will then be assisted so that she can speak in a timely manner.

RESPONSE DATE: MAY 20, 2013	RESPONSE TIME: 4:15 PM	HDR STAFF INITIAL: MEB
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TELEPHONE CONVERSATION RECORD
SOUTH MOUNTAIN FREEWAY INFORMATION LINE

INCOMING CALL DATE: 05/20/13	INCOMING CALL TIME: 12:20 PM
CALLER: EDITH THOMAS	CALLER ADDRESS:
PHONE: 928-863-0201	EMAIL: EDIEGA1@YAHOO.COM

CALLER REMARKS/QUESTIONS:

Please put me on the list for the 3 minute comments. My name is Edith Thomas. My phone number is 928-863-0201. My e-mail is ediega1@yahoo.com. Thank you.

RESPONSE:

A message was left for Ms. Thomas, which stated that she will be listed as a preregistered speaker at the May 21 public hearing for the South Mountain Freeway Study. Her name will be near the top of the list and will be displayed as one of the first few speakers at the beginning of the hearing. If she is not in attendance at that time, it was suggested that when she arrives at the Phoenix Civic Center on May 21, she should check in at the speaker's registration table in the main lobby area, where she should notify the attendant that she preregistered as a speaker. She will then be assisted so that she can speak in a timely manner.

RESPONSE DATE: MAY 20, 2013	RESPONSE TIME: 4:22 PM	HDR STAFF INITIAL: MEB
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TELEPHONE CONVERSATION RECORD
SOUTH MOUNTAIN FREEWAY INFORMATION LINE

INCOMING CALL DATE: 5/21/13	INCOMING CALL TIME: 12:35 PM	
CALLER:	CALLER ADDRESS:	
PHONE: 602-234-3520	EMAIL:	
CALLER REMARKS/QUESTIONS: Will they be validating parking at the event?		
RESPONSE: A call was placed at 10:15 a.m.; however, the phone number dialed had an automatic message that said that the mailbox was full and there was no opportunity to leave a message.		
RESPONSE DATE: MAY 21, 2013	RESPONSE TIME: 10:15 AM	HDR STAFF INITIAL: MEB

TELEPHONE CONVERSATION RECORD
SOUTH MOUNTAIN FREEWAY INFORMATION LINE

INCOMING CALL DATE: 05/20/13	INCOMING CALL TIME:	
CALLER: CLAUDINE REIFSCNEIDER	CALLER ADDRESS:	
PHONE: 602-758-1902	EMAIL:	
CALLER REMARKS/QUESTIONS: I would like to be added to the speaker's list for the May 21 public hearing for the South Mountain Freeway.		
RESPONSE: Ms. Reifschneider was added to the South Mountain Freeway public hearing's speaker list.		
RESPONSE DATE: MAY 21, 2013	RESPONSE TIME: 9:55 AM	HDR STAFF INITIAL: MEB

TELEPHONE CONVERSATION RECORD
SOUTH MOUNTAIN FREEWAY INFORMATION LINE

INCOMING CALL DATE: 05/20/13		INCOMING CALL TIME:
CALLER: PATRICE HERRING		CALLER ADDRESS:
PHONE: 602-938-9218		EMAIL:
CALLER REMARKS/QUESTIONS: I would like to be added to the speaker's list for the May 21 public hearing for the South Mountain Freeway.		
RESPONSE: Ms. Herring was added to the South Mountain Freeway public hearing's speaker list.		
RESPONSE DATE: MAY 21, 2013	RESPONSE TIME: 10:00 AM	HDR STAFF INITIAL: MEB

TELEPHONE CONVERSATION RECORD
SOUTH MOUNTAIN FREEWAY INFORMATION LINE

INCOMING CALL DATE: 05/20/13		INCOMING CALL TIME:
CALLER: ANONYMOUS		CALLER ADDRESS:
PHONE: 602-237-4827		EMAIL:
CALLER REMARKS/QUESTIONS: I need information on the shuttle from Laveen. If I leave at 10 a.m., will it take her 3 hours?		
RESPONSE: A call was placed at 10:15 a.m.; however, the phone number dialed had a busy tone with no opportunity to leave a message. A call was placed at 10:30 a.m.; however, the phone number dialed had a busy tone with no opportunity to leave a message. A call was placed at 11:00 a.m.; however, the phone number dialed had a busy tone with no opportunity to leave a message.		
RESPONSE DATE: MAY 21, 2013	RESPONSE TIME: 11:00 AM	HDR STAFF INITIAL: MEB

TELEPHONE CONVERSATION RECORD
SOUTH MOUNTAIN FREEWAY INFORMATION LINE

INCOMING CALL DATE: 7/1/13	INCOMING CALL TIME: 2:22 PM
CALLER: ROBIN	CALLER ADDRESS:
PHONE: 623-363-9237	EMAIL:

CALLER REMARKS/QUESTIONS:
Hi I actually need to talk to someone about adding additional comments now that there's been a chance to study the DEIS. If someone could please contact Robin and a message would be fine if you just tell me what impact submitting additional comments in an organization that previously submitted comments, i.e., at the May 21st public comment forum would have on the total of comments. Or you know would it impact our original comments. Or do you take all comments into consideration? Thank you. Goodbye.

RESPONSE:

A voice mail message was left for Robin stating that all comments submitted during the Draft Environmental Impact Statement public comment will be considered and addressed in the document. She was encouraged to submit her additional comments at www.southmountainfreeway.com or on the telephone hotline at 602-712-7006.

RESPONSE DATE: JULY 3, 2013	RESPONSE TIME: 10 A.M.	HDR STAFF INITIAL: MEB
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Attachment 9: ADOT Phone Line (ADA number on publications) Log

Loop 202 South Mountain Call Log							
April-June 2013							
	Date	Name	City	Phone	State	Topic	Replied Date and Response
1.	4/29/2013	Martha	Surprise		AZ	Public Hearing info.	4.29 The constituent inquired if copies of the DEIS would be available at the hearing. The constituent was advised that DEIS CDs would be available free of charge at the hearing.
2.	4/29/2013	Brian, Darling		602.367.1955		Release date of DEIS	4.29 The constituent was advised of the release date of April 26, 2013 and provided the SM webpage for updates on the project.
3.	4/29/2013	Justin	Phoenix		AZ	Release date of DEIS	4.29 The constituent was advised of the release date of April 26, 2013 and provided the SM webpage for project updates.
4.	4/29/2013	Dale Williams	Laveen		AZ	Release date of DEIS	4.29 The constituent was advised of the release date of April 26, 2013 and provided the SM webpage for project updates.
5.	4/30/2013	Channel	Phoenix	602.441.5553	AZ	DEIS status	5.1 The constituent was advised of the release date of April 26, 2013 and provided the SM webpage for project updates. The constituent wanted to know the email address on where to submit their comments online. The constituent was given the projects@azdot.gov email address.
6.	5/1/2013	James Ebons	Laveen		AZ	Release date of DEIS	5.1 The constituent was advised of the release date of April 26, 2013. Constituent was advised to call back or visit the webpage if they had any additional project-related questions.
7.	5/16/2013	Karla James	Chandler		AZ	Where can the DEIS be viewed online	5.16 The constituent was advised they could review the DEIS at the project webpage azdot.gov/southmountainfreeway .
8.	5/16/2013	Nathan	Phoenix		AZ	Public Hearing: Shuttle pick up schedule	5.16 The constituent was advised that the shuttle pick up and drop off times listed were firm.
9.	5/20/2013	No Name				Public Hearing: Are the shuttles free of charge	5.20 The constituent was advised that the shuttles to the hearing were complimentary.
10.	5/23/2013	Joe Ruiz			AZ	Where can the DEIS be viewed online	5.23 The constituent was advised that the DEIS could be reviewed at the project webpage azdot.gov/southmountainfreeway .

11.	5/23/2013	Oscar	Phoenix		AZ	Public Hearing info.	5.23 The constituent missed the public hearing and wanted to know if comments made in person at the hearing would be weighed more than submitting comments via email. The constituent was advised that both methods would equally be considered.
12.	6/4/2013	Yuell	Phoenix		AZ	Public Hearing info.	6.4 The constituent inquired where their comments made at the hearing would be documented. The constituent was advised that their comments would be present in the release of the Final EIS.
13.	6/4/2013	Kimberly Wright	Chandler		AZ	Community Forums	6.4 The constituent inquired if another community forum was planned for Chandler, besides the June 25 forum. The constituent was advised that was the only forum planned for Chandler.
14.	6/4/2013	Robert A.	Laveen		AZ	Community Forums	6.4 The constituent inquired if members of the study team would be onsite to ask questions. The constituent was advised that study team members would be at each forum.
15.	6/4/2013	Eder				Project Video	6.4 The constituent inquired if the study video shown at the hearing was available online. The constituent was given the project webpage to view the video.
16.	6/18/2013	Marie Carleson	Phoenix		AZ	Community Forums	6.18 The constituent inquired if there was going to be a presentation at the Phoenix forum on June 18. The constituent was advised that no formal presentation was going to be given, but that a project video would be presented during the open house and that the study team would be available to answer questions and court reporters would be on hand to take official comments.
17.	6/27/2013	Aaron R.		623.344.8921	AZ	Community Forums	6.27 The constituent inquired if the study video shown at the Sunridge Community Forum was available online. The constituent was given the project webpage to view the video.

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COMMUNITY UPDATES

BY GRIN STAFF

Here are some monthly updates on the on-going issues pertaining to the Gila River Indian Community.

Tribes present oral arguments in federal district court

Arizona sister tribes locked horns in the United States District Court of Arizona on April 9 over whether or not the Tohono O'odham Nation should be allowed to build a new casino in Glendale, Arizona.

On the same day as the court hearing, Congressman Trent Franks (R-AZ, CD-8) introduced a bill (H.R. 1410 - Keep the Promise Act Bill) in the United States House of Representatives restricting gaming in the Phoenix metropolitan area.

The Gila River Indian Community, the Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community and the state of Arizona (the plaintiffs) filed the lawsuit (State of Arizona et al. v. Tohono O'odham Nation) two years ago to block the Tohono O'odham Nation (The Nation) from furthering gaming operations in the Phoenix metropolitan area.

The Tohono O'odham Nation acquired a plot of land along the Loop 101 highway in 2009 and hopes to put a hotel/casino near 95th and Northern Avenues, down the street from the University of Phoenix Stadium.

The plaintiffs claim that allowing the Nation to build on the acquired land would violate a promise that Arizona tribes made in Proposition 202 to limit gaming operations in the Phoenix metropolitan area to seven.

Prop 202 is a ballot measure passed in 2002, which created the Arizona Tribal-State Gaming Compact.

The compact, however, does not explicitly limit the number of casinos permitted to operate in the Phoenix area.

Attorney Seth Waxman for the Tohono O'odham Nation argued in court that the tribe never explicitly agreed to limit gaming operations and is not prevented from doing so by Prop 202 or the gaming compact.

The plaintiffs insist that limiting the number of casinos in the Phoenix metro area was a major component of Prop 202 and the compact provides for the seven-casino cap. They feel that outside evidence, not the compact alone, should be taken into consideration. They are looking to early drafts of the gaming compact, charts, notes and Prop 202 promotional materials to support their claims.

Jason Hauter, a member of and lawyer for the Gila River Indian Community, is quoted in an April 9 article of the Arizona Republic saying, "If you want to look at the intent of the contract, you have to look at the context of the negotiations, and this other evidence clarifies that context."

Rep. Franks is working to solidify the casino cap with the Keep the Promise Act Bill (indicating the promise the tribes made in Prop 202), which is aimed at limiting gaming in the Phoenix metropolitan area.

Glendale casino opponents also maintain that the land the Nation acquired via the Gila Bend Indian Reservation Lands Replacement Act is not eligible for gaming under the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (IGRA). The Nation came into possession of the land as a result of the Gila Bend Lands Replacement Act of 1986.

Furthermore, the plaintiffs assert that the Nation breached its "implied covenant of good faith and fair dealing" by supporting the Prop 202 legislation and the limitation of gaming in the Phoenix metropolitan area while at the same time secretly planning the Glendale casino.

The Nation fiercely contends the allegation, repeating that they never promised to limit casinos in the Phoenix area and stating that they were open ways both the state and the tribes about its options regarding the Lands Replacement Act.

Last month's hearing ended with federal Judge David Campbell saying he will issue a decision in the coming weeks on whether to make a ruling or send the case to trial.

GRPD investigation into alleged fraud complete; ADOT draft EIS released

The GRPD probe investigating alleged election fraud in the GRIC Landowners initiative will be sent to the Office of the Prosecutor for review next week, but it's still unclear whether charges will be filed or if the proposed Loop 202 Freeway measure will be re-voted on.

"The criminal investigation that we were charged with has at this point in time been completed," said Acting Police Chief Edward Alameda after he presented his department's report to the Legislative Standing Committee on April 23. His presentation was held in executive session and was not open to the public.

Alameda indicated that there could be charges filed — although he didn't say against whom but the police's role in the matter was effectively closed.

"We are making recommendations that there may be some criminal charges filed," Alameda said. "However, at this point in time, until [the Office of the Prosecutor has] had the opportunity to review it, it will be their decision as to how they want to proceed with that."

An update on the investigation by Alameda set to be presented before the Community Council on May 1 was tabled because materials were not presented on time.

With the fate of the re-vote unknown and the Community divided over allowing the freeway on GRIC land, the Arizona Department of Transportation is moving ahead with recommending the off-reservation, Pecos Road alignment.

ADOT released its long-awaited draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) on the project on April 26. The detailed, 600-page report, which took 12 years and cost \$21 million, recommends building the proposed 22-mile freeway because it would reduce pollution and alleviate Valley traffic. If no freeway is built, the study says, pollution and traffic would be worse.

The eight-lane, \$2 billion highway would connect to Loop 101 in Laveen and to the Loop 202 San Tan Freeway in Chandler. The extension would help divert traffic around central Phoenix. Planners expect about 140,000 cars to pass through the freeway daily by 2035 and want to begin construction in 2015.

The Pecos Road alignment would destroy about 40 acres of Phoenix South Mountain Park.

Preserve, a site held sacred by many in the Community. It would cut into three ridges, roughly 220-feet at its deepest point. The study suggests compensating for the lost acreage by extending the park somewhere else.

"The intrusion of the proposed freeway into the South Mountains, including especially the cuts into three ridge lines, would likely be perceived as severe by many members of the community," the study said.

The release of the draft EIS kicks off a 90-day public comment period for concerned citizens to provide commentary on the dense document. This can be done online (azdot.gov/SouthMountainFreeway), in writing, over the phone or in person at a May 21 public hearing at the Phoenix Convention Center. ADOT also indicated they may host a community forum specifically for Gila River members but no date has been set yet.

After all the public comments are received, ADOT will prepare a final EIS to be released in 2014, followed by another 60-day public review period, finally leading to a "record of decision" on whether to build the new Loop 202 corridor.

Samples from So. Mountain Freeway Study fact sheet and public hearing date

Alternatives studied in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement

Public Hearing
Tuesday, May 21, 2013
10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Phoenix Convention Center, North Ballroom
100 N. 3rd St., Phoenix, AZ 85004
Validated parking and transit vouchers will be provided.

Public Comment Needed Here!

FINAL REVIEWS ADOT FHWA Cooperating Agencies Legal Review	DRAFT EIS 90-day Public Review	FINAL EIS 45-day Public Review	RECORD OF DECISION
2013	2013	2014	2014

Members of the public are encouraged to provide comments on the Draft and Final EIS.

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May 17, 2013



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In Memory of Sarah Yvonne Lewis

Sarah passed away unexpectedly December 4, 2012 in Albuquerque, N.M.
Sarah was preceded in death by a son, Sonny and two daughters, Shelby and Kristy, and her two parents Arthur and Harriet Lewis.
Sarah is survived by three sons, Monty, Frank and Chris and an older brother Frank "Frankie" and his wife Elly Lewis.
We would like to give a Special Thank You to our cousin Beverly and family for their assistance. Also, the people in Sacaton who did render their assistance.
The Lewis Family

There's No Place Like Home

I had major storm damage to my home on August 21, 2012. I am now back in my home and it is just like a new house. I am very happy and I wish to thank the following Departments for responding very quickly and very professionally.
* District 1 staff and all those who had a hand in getting my home repaired. Ruben and Cecilia for attempting to get me into emergency housing in Coolidge and especially Virgil and crew, you all did a great job. Thank you!
* GRIC Fire Department
* Department of Public Works
* Office of Emergency Response for the emergency housing and mini-storage
* Property & Supply, Danny for checking on me
* Tribal Projects
Ann and Bertha from Hashan Kehik who stopped to check to see how I was doing and EVERYONE who stopped by that night to help. Thank for your concern, food and prayers.
There's no place like home...
Mary A. Blackwater & Family

Elderly Nutrition Program

The Elderly Nutrition Program (ENP) serves a hot meal Monday-Friday to eligible participants that meet the recommended daily allowance (RDA), and special diet needs. The goal is to increase or maintain the diet of older individuals to ensure that 1/3 of their dietary needs are met.

The program serves District 1-7 within the Gila River Indian Community.

Eligibility Requirements:

- Meals provided to any person 55 and over and/or to a spouse under age 55 living in the same household.
- Meals provided to handicapped or disabled program participants under age 60 who live in congregate housing facilities occupied primarily by the elderly.
- Meals provided at home to persons who have demonstrated a need to be home-bound.

Meal Referral:

Referrals can be made by a family member, family friend or health care professional. Referrals are submitted to ENP where it is reviewed for eligibility. The participant and district coordinator is then notified of approval or disapproval.

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South Mountain Draft Environmental Impact Study is now available at the District 1-7 Service Centers

PUBLIC HEARING REMINDER
Tuesday May 21
10 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Phoenix Convention Center, North Ballroom
100 N. 3rd Street
Phoenix, AZ 85004

Transportation will be provided from the following locations: Komatke Boys & Girls Club, District 6 at 9:30 a.m.
GRIC Governance Center, District 3 at 9:30 a.m.

SAVE THE DATE

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6th Annual Disabilities Conference

TALKING STICK RESORT & CASINO

Attention Disability Vendors and Disability Organizations

We are currently accepting Exhibitor Registration on a first come first serve basis.

\$20.00 per vendor table.

Registration \$25.00 for non-community members

"Free to Salt River Community Members"

Where: Talking Stick Resort & Casino

9800 East Indian Bend

Scottsdale, AZ

When: August 23, 2013

Time: 7:30 AM - 4:30 PM

Who Should Attend:

* Family, Friends, & caregivers of people with disabilities

* Professionals who work with individuals with disabilities

For more information contact Rudy Buchanan

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APPENDIX 6-6

OUTREACH TO GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY MEMBERS FOR THE FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

Appendix 6-6, *Outreach to Gila River Indian Community Members for the Final Environmental Impact Statement*, contains documentation of the public outreach to the Gila River Indian Community and its members surrounding the release of the Final Environmental Impact Statement.



Intermodal Transportation

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August 29, 2014

Governor Gregory Mendoza
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Subject: Proposed South Mountain Freeway Public Involvement

Dear Governor Mendoza:

The Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT), in partnership with the U.S. Federal Highway Administration, is working to complete the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the proposed South Mountain Freeway (Loop 202), which is part of the Maricopa Association of Government's Regional Transportation Plan. As part of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement process ADOT received comments regarding oral tradition of the Gila River Indian Community. In recognition of the Community's traditions and in agreement with our previous government to government communication protocol, ADOT seeks guidance on how to best accommodate the comments received in this final stage of public involvement for the FEIS.

If there is interest from the Gila River Indian Community leadership, ADOT proposes that the two entities, in partnership, conduct a forum for Community members during the 60-day review timeframe for the FEIS. This forum, if desired, would allow members of the Community to provide oral testimony on the FEIS at a time, place and in a manner that is mutually agreeable.

We respectfully request a response to this inquiry by September 19, 2014 to allow for the appropriate arrangements to be made, should a forum be desired during the 60-day review period, which is scheduled to begin in late September.

Sincerely,

Robert Samour

Robert Samour, PE
Senior Deputy State Engineer

Cc: Lt. Governor Stephan Roe Lewis
Manuel Johnson